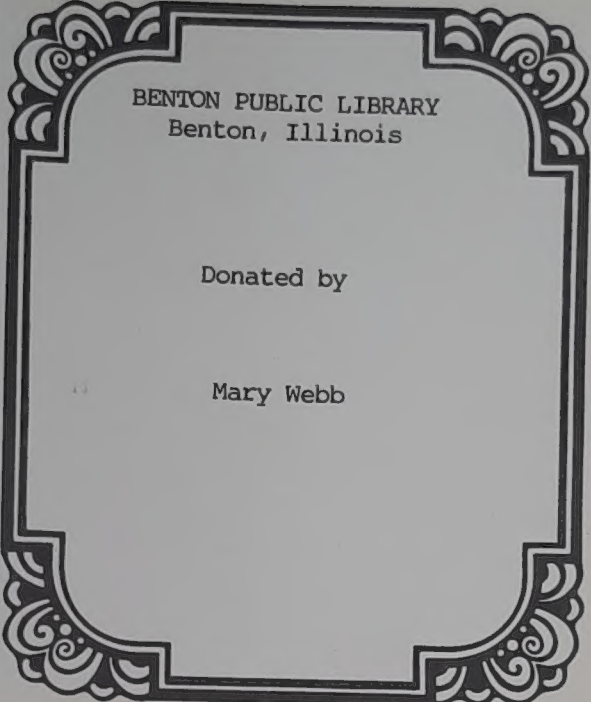




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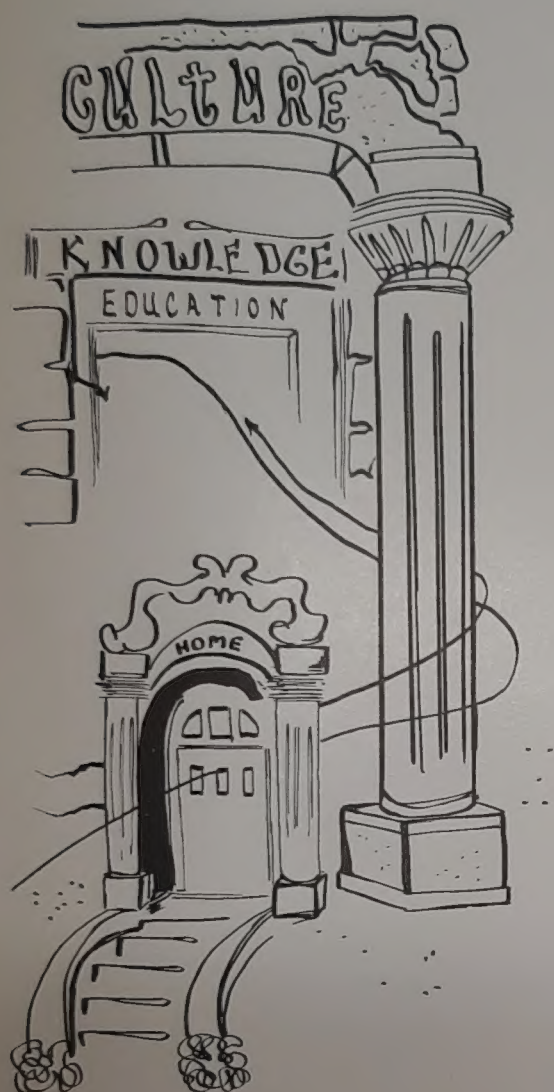
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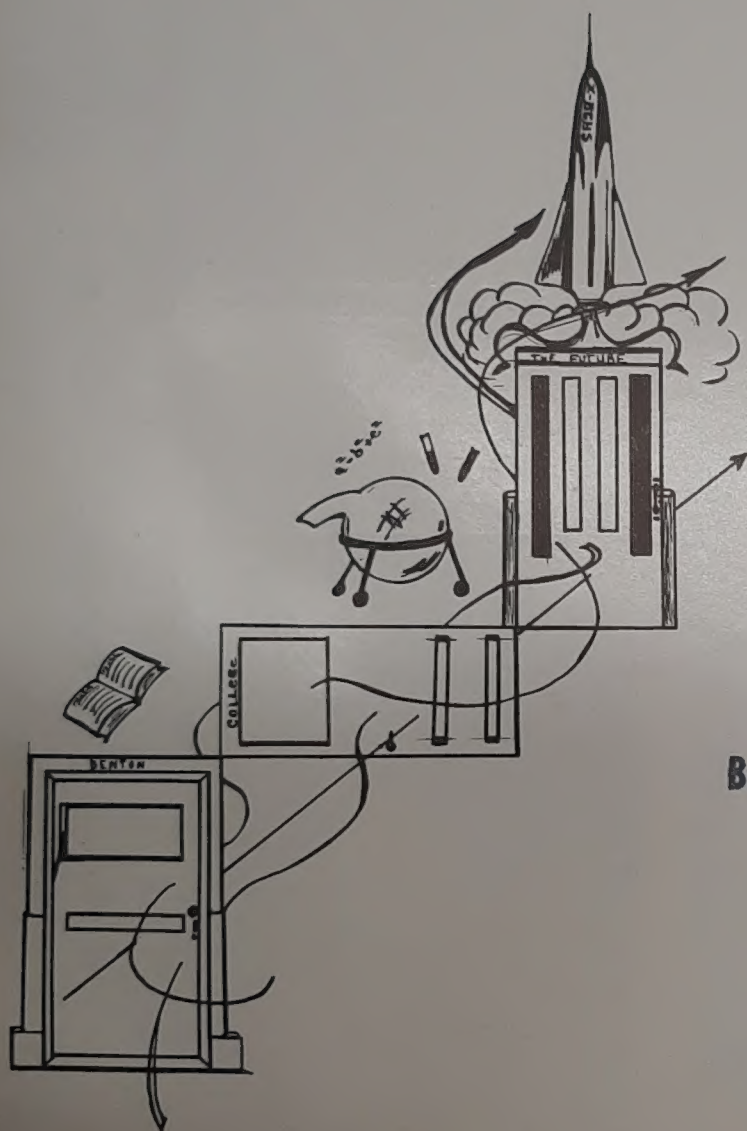
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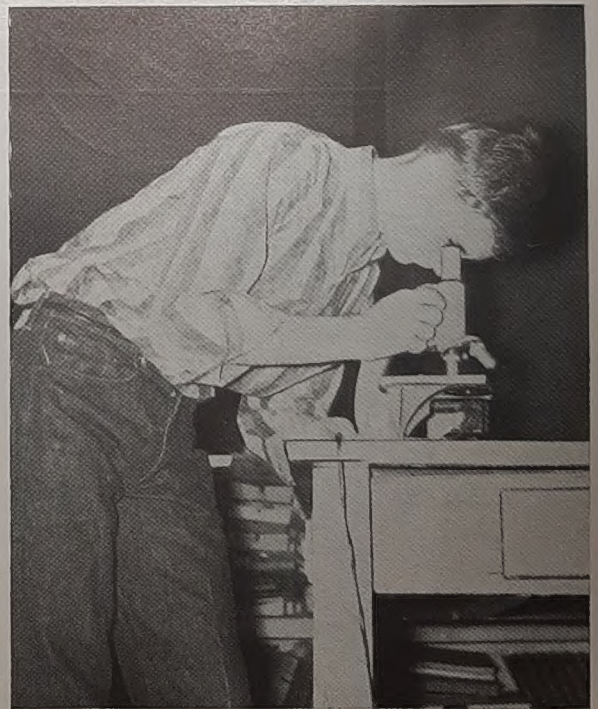
Settling down to study is a hard task for students at BCHS. Once settled down though, there are many fields for students to pursue. Progress is made everywhere. Aside from the wide variety of subjects available are the reference library and many educational lyceums.

The upper classmen are working toward graduation while the underclassmen are still trying to familiarize themselves with the "ropes" of BCHS. As the year progresses, the students have homework consisting of themes, book reports, math and studying for tests or exams.

As winter progresses into spring and the underclassmen begin to think about the classes they will take the following year, the seniors are both glad and sad as the end of their high school days approaches.



The juniors rehearse for their play.



Very interesting!

. . . Hard Study led to progress



The lyceums were both entertaining and educational.

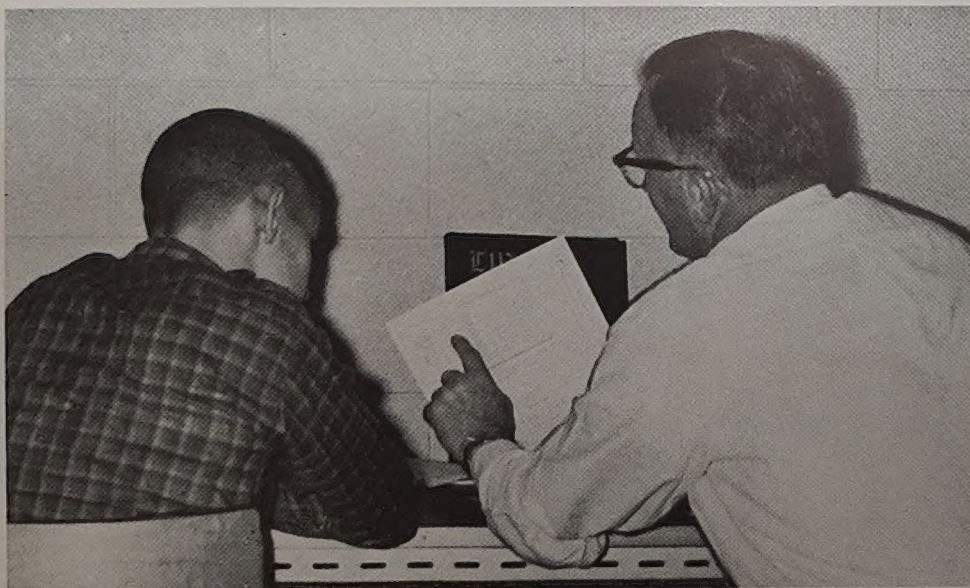


Testing our skills.

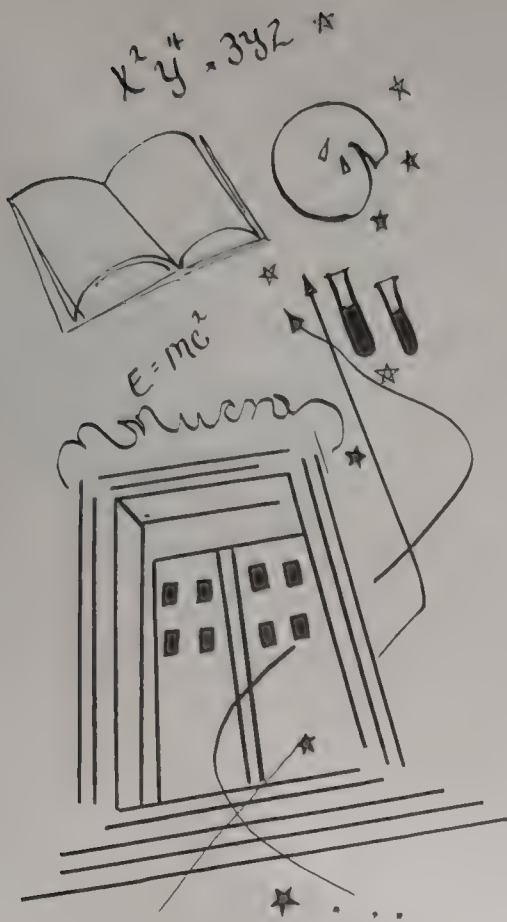


Playing is fun.

PORTALS TO PROGRESS . . . We Relaxed



Could you help me please?



and Had Fun

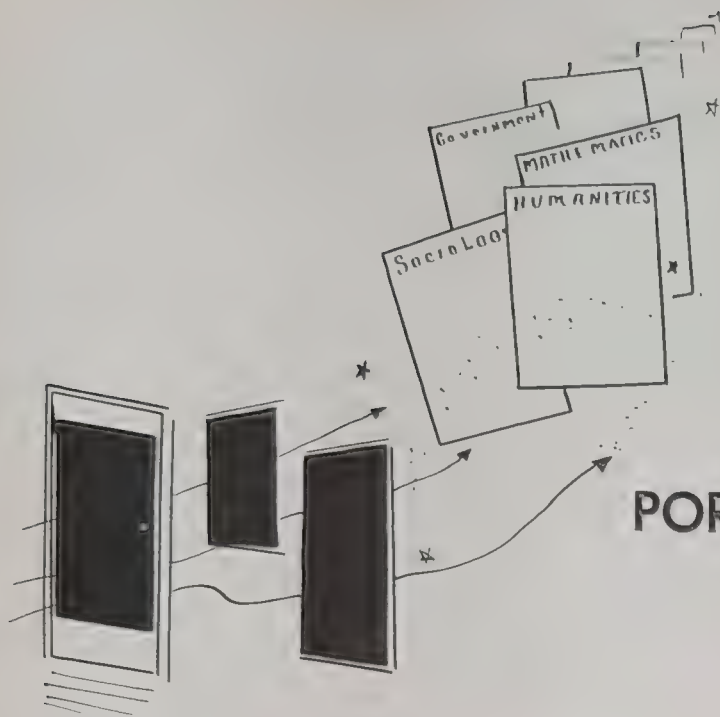
The students at BCHS are known to have fun along with their progress in academic work. It seems that the students have more fun at BCHS than any other place. One of the many reasons for this is that all their friends are there. Everyone looks forward to the first day of school so he can see all of his old friends and make many new ones.

Every day at noon, one can see many students browsing on the lawn passing time until the bell rings. There might be a group of boys under a tree just talking or another bunch hanging around a "hot" car trying to see what makes it "tick." Several girls stand around in groups discussing the latest fashions. As the bell rings for the students to return to class, everyone goes in a different direction as he goes to English, math, studyhall, or chemistry.

As Thanksgiving approaches the students begin to think about homecoming; the dance, the game, and the parade.



Our lyceums were entertaining.



PORTALS TO PROGRESS . . .

You don't say!





Everyone attended the ballgames.

We Maintained An Active School Spirit

Everywhere we looked, BCHS students were working to make a better school. Democratically, each class elected their officers in the Fall. The freshmen officers, obviously new at their job, got the class started off on its high-school career. The sophomores had a busy year advancing socially and preparing for the role of upperclassmen. The juniors picked out beautiful rings, presented a very successful play, and planned a memorable reception for the seniors.

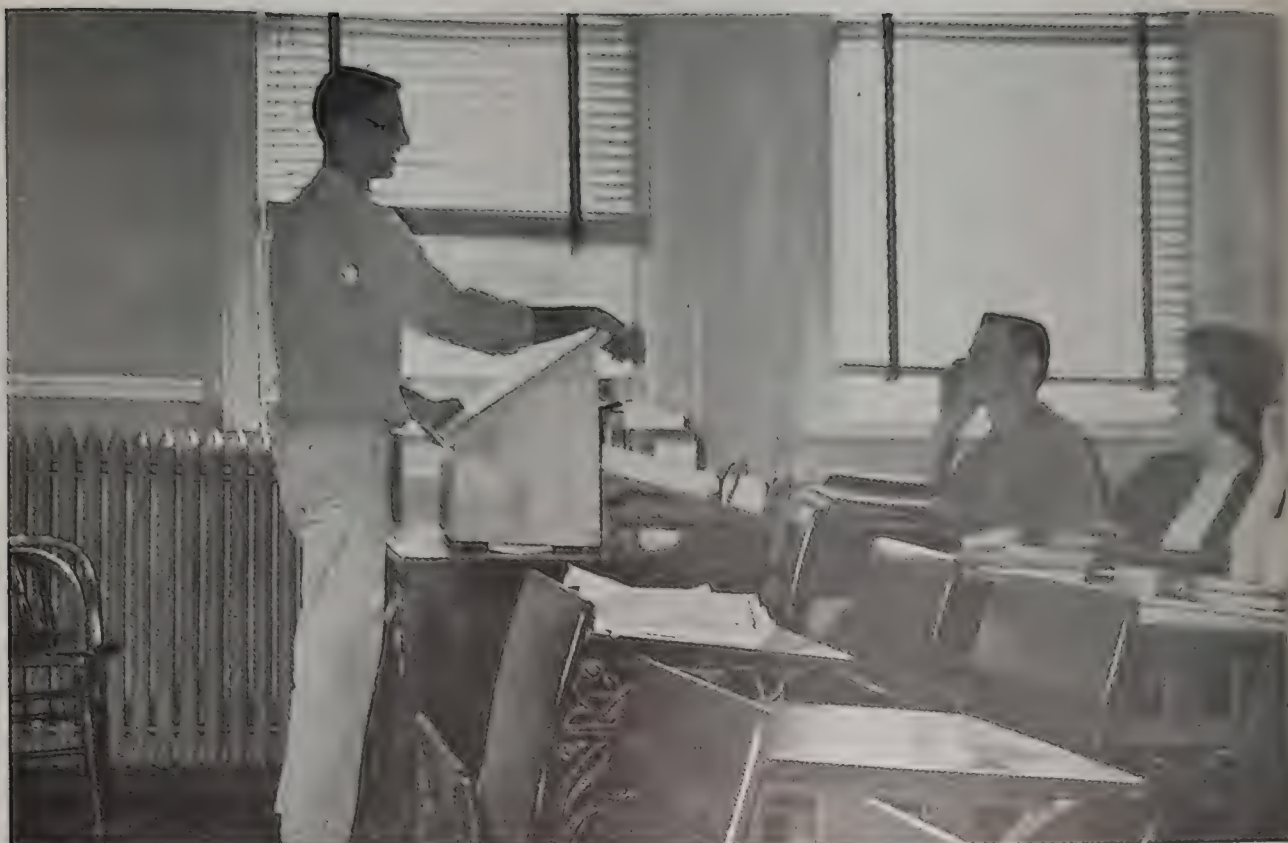
BCHS students will long be remembered for following their victorious teams. For the first time in memory both the stadium and gymnasium were filled to capacity for every single varsity game. The townspeople as well as the students followed the teams of 1961-62.



The library is always in use.



What's the answer to number 4.



New teacher?

PORTALS TO PROGRESS We Cooperated Together



How did you get that answer?

Many skills can be developed at Benton High School. For academic-minded students, the math, history, English, and foreign language departments offer a challenge. For those students who wish to develop the skills of a vocation, the agriculture, home economics, and the industrial arts departments offer assistance.

All of the students of BCHS are trying hard to develop skills in their chosen fields. New experiences are gained each day as the students pass through the portals to progress, and these experiences help the student to obtain more knowledge and adjust to the ways of our school. Developing skills is very important to the students of our school. For some, Benton High School will be the last formal education. For these people, skills are necessary to start their lives in the world about us. For other students, BCHS is merely a stepping stone to college and higher education. For these people, developing skills is important for much preparation is needed for college work.

To Develop Skills—



Something must have been interesting.





PORTALS TO PROGRESS . . .

Through Our Personalities

The personalities at BCHS are varied. The bell rings, and through our Portals to Progress pass hundreds of students eager to help themselves to knowledge of the past, present, and future. Our teachers help us prepare for this new future, and our classmates help us enjoy the present. The students and faculty of our high school work as a unit to keep an active school spirit. Lyceums and ballgames are enjoyed by everyone. The students at our high school have worked hard this year. Freshmen have been busy learning the do's and don't's of BCHS. The sophomores have learned many new ideas from their new subjects, and the juniors have been busy ordering their class rings and planning the junior-senior reception. With visions of the future the seniors have made plans for what they will do after that long awaited day—graduation. Our high school is really just different personalities.



Mr. Herbert Mundell, Our Principal

This year marks the tenth year Mr. Mundell has served as principal of Benton Consolidated High School. Mr. Mundell has devoted many hours to running the school to the best of his ability. He must make decisions on school policy, deciding holidays, grade periods, time schedules, and filling out hundreds of reports. Mr. Mundell still finds time to give aid, advice, and assistance to students, faculty, and employees.

Irene Mrogenski and Joan Vincenti are our office help. Miss Mrogenski is constantly answering the telephone, changing schedules, and issuing tardy permits. Miss Vincenti serves as both the secretary and treasurer of BCHS. We are all very appreciative of the work done by these two women.

The school board of BCHS has provided educational facilities for the future citizens of Benton and at the same time helped our school on a sound financial basis. They are men whose only payment for their time and consideration is the reward of seeing Benton's students have better educational facilities.

The Administration and Faculty



Clarence Lowery
Glenn Lohmann
Wallace C. Rice
Mike McCarty
Carl Ingram
Ward Phillips
W. Frank Payne



Joan Vincenti
Secretary-treasurer

Irene Mrogenski
Registrar

H. M. Aiken, *Science*
B.S. University of Illinois

Glenn Schmitz, *Science*
B.A. Southern Illinois University



Albert Gulley, *Guidance, D O*
B.S. Southern Illinois University
M.S. Southern Illinois University

Claude Rhodes, *Guidance, Family Living*
B.S. Illinois State Normal University
M.A. University of Illinois





Edward Miller, *English*
B.S. Southern Illinois University
M.A. Southern Illinois University

Ellen Burkhardt, *English*
B.A. University of Wisconsin
M.A. University of Illinois

Imogene Rea, *Business, English*
B.S. Illinois State Normal University

Mildred Neal, *English, Mathematics*
B.S. Southern Illinois University

John R. Miller, *Speech*
B.S. Southern Illinois University
M.A. University of Illinois



Margaret Armentrout, *Latin*
B. Ed. Southern Illinois University
M.A. University of Illinois

Kirby Browning, *English*
B.S. Southern Illinois University
M.S. Southern Illinois University

Mary Webb, *Home Economics*
 B.S. University of Illinois
 M.A. Columbia University, New York

Lucille Craddock, *Home Economics*
 B. Ed. Southern Illinois University
 M.S. Southern Illinois University

Etna Morrison, *Mathematics*
 B.A. University of Kansas
 M.A. University of Michigan



Jane Kirsch, *Social Studies*
 B.S. University of Missouri
 M.A. University of Illinois

Ernest Shepard, *Social Studies, French.*
 B.A. University of Illinois
 M.A. University of Illinois

Alberta Hidritch, *Social Studies, Latin*
 B.S. Shurtleff College
 M.S. Southern Illinois University



Mary Alice Pribble, *Business, English*
 B.S. Southern Illinois University

Ray Heinzman, *Business*
 B. Ed. Southern Illinois University
 M.A. University of Illinois

Marjorie Truelove, *Business*
 B.S. University of Illinois
 M.S. Southern Illinois University





Glenn Truelove, *Health, Athletics*
B.Ed. Southern Illinois University
M.A. University of Illinois

B. L. Finley, *Voc. Agriculture*
B.S. University of Illinois
M.S. University of Illinois

Jack Archer, *Physical Education, Athletics*
B.S. in Ed. Southern Illinois University

Louise Little, *Library*
B.S. Library Science
Murray, Kentucky

Verbal Adkisson, *Health*
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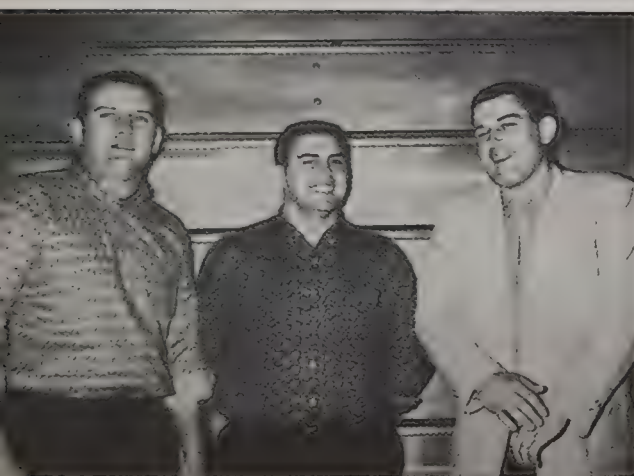
Bonnie Collins, *Study Hall*
B.Ed. Southern Illinois University



Harry Stewart, *Mathematics, Athletics*
B.S. Southern Illinois University

Jim Lynch, *Mathematics, Physical Education, Athletics*
B.S. Southern Illinois University
M.S. in Ed. Southern Illinois University

Richard Herrin, *Driver Education, Athletics*
B.S. McKendree
M.S. Southern Illinois University



Charles Taylor, *Music*
B. Music Ed. Southern Illinois University
M. Music Ed. Southern Illinois University

Pat Hollada, *Physical Education*
B.S. Southern Illinois University

Charles Doty, *Industrial Arts*
B.S. Southern Illinois University
M.S. Southern Illinois University





BUS DRIVERS

Humbert Bennett
Caleb Lowry
Clarence Jones
Falgar Pearce
Otho Davis
Walter Kinison

COOKS

Gladys Adams
Ruth Parker
Louise Sanders



MAINTENANCE STAFF

Humbert Bennett
Felix Owens
Caleb Lowry
Bill Saunders
Walter Kinison
Otho Davis



Class of 1962

This has been a year for happiness and yet a year for unhappiness. A year for happiness because we have finally made it through four years at B.C.H.S. A year for happiness because we have had so much fun at the Homecoming and the Reception, at the football and basketball games, and as just being seniors. This was a year for unhappiness because we are leaving our many friends and teachers to go on to college or to face the world.

We shall always treasure these years at B.C.H.S. The one thing that will probably be most remembered is graduation, as we take that final walk across to receive our diploma. This is a happy feeling, but still the feeling of insecurity and regret. These have been truly wonderful years.

We would like to thank all of the teachers, the counselors who helped us with our problems, the coaches who pushed our athletes to victory, and our principal who governed the school so well. Thanks to the Juniors who have given us our last and most memorable Reception. We would like to extend our congratulations to those lucky people who worked so hard and were chosen "Outstanding Seniors."

Now we must say good-bye to B.C.H.S., hello to the world. Thank you for the good times and may we always hold them in our hearts as the best four years of our lives.

The seniors enjoyed their years at B.C.H.S.

President,
Earnest Duckworth
Vice President,
Wiley Hall
Secretary,
Mary Etta Doty
Treasurer,
Bob Orchid



Robert Absher

Basketball

Doris Adams

History Club; GAA; FBLA

Daniel Alexander

Chemistry Club, President;
Science Club, President; Math
Field Day Mu Alpha Theta;
Lions' Honor Banquet; Echo;
YFC

Joyce Anderson

Speech Club; FHA; Ask Any
Girl; FBLA, Treasurer, Vice
President; YFC; GAA; Scarab;
Hi Tri

Kenneth Bain

YFC; Ask Any Girl; Chemis-
try Club; History Club; Sci-
ence Club; Chorus; Speech
Club; Dobie Gillis

Charles Barlow

Key Club; Chemistry Club;
Debate Team; Speech Club,
Vice President; History Club;
Ask Any Girl

Paula Barrell

FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri; Letter
Girl; History Club, Treasurer;
YFC

Priscilla Beatty

FHA; GAA; Band; FNC; Hi-
Tri; History Club

Barbara Betine

FBLA; Hi-Tri; Office Cadet;
History Club

Patricia Bixler

Band; Hi-Tri; History Club;
FYC

Donna Blagg

FHA; FNC; GAA; DO; Hi-
Tri; History Club

John Border



Our last year at Benton High School



Joe Brandibas
Track; Football; Chorus

Don Brooks
FFA

Shirley Buntin
Hi-Tri; GAA; Speech Club;
Lions' Honor Banquet; FHA,
Board, President; FHA Section
Secretary; Graduation Usher

Ruth Ann Carlton
FHA; FBLA; Speech Club;
Hi-Tri; Lions' Honor Banquet;
Ask Any Girl; Graduation
Usher; History Club; Chemis-
try Club

Mary Lou Chance
Cheerleader; Hi-Tri, Council,
Treasurer; FHA, Board; Stu-
dent Council; Make-Up Club,
President; History Club;
FBLA; Speech Club; Home-
coming Attendant, Queen

Linda Cockrum
FHA; FBLA; Hi-Tri

Bill Conner
Track; Football; Key Club;
Chemistry Club, Treasurer;
Latin Club; Chorus; FBLA

Jerry Conner
Football; Wrestling; Latin
Club; Science Club; Chorus;
FBLA

Katie Conner
FHA; Hi-Tri; Speech Club;
FBLA

Glenna Conti
Latin Club; Chemistry Club;
FBLA; FNC; Lions' Honor
Banquet; History Club; GAA;
YFC

Sandy Cremeens
Transfer from McLeansboro;
DO; Hi-Tri

Mary Evelyn Dably
Hi-Tri; Junior Play Usher;
Echo; DO

We worked hard, but we had fun

Evalaine Darnell

Hi-Tri; FNC; FHA; YFC;
Echo; Scarab; History Club;
Speech Club; Latin Club;
FBLA

Gary Davis

FFA

Richard Davis

Football; Basketball; Track



Roberta Davis

FNC; FHA; Hi-Tri

Jim Day

Jerry Doty

History Club, President; FNC;
GAA; FHA; Hi-Tri



Mary Etta Doty

Senior Class Secretary; FHA;
Hi-Tri; FBLA; FNC; YFC;
Student Council

Nikki Doty

Band; Twirler; Hi-Tri; FTA;
FHA Officer; Majorette; Ask
Any Girl

Earnest Duckworth

Key Club, Secretary, Treas-
urer; FFA; Chemistry Club;
Football, Co-Captain; Basket-
ball; Track; YFC; Student
Council; Junior Class, Treas-
urer; Senior Class, President



Reita Dungy

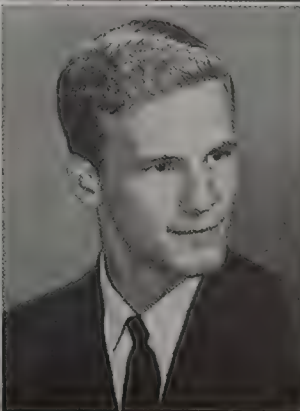
Hi-Tri, Council; French Club,
President; FHA, Vice Presi-
dent; FTA; Echo; YFC; Soph-
omore Class, Treasurer; Lions'
Honor Banquet; Mu Alpha
Theta; Graduation Usher

Jerry Dunn

Chemistry Club; Wrestling;
Track

Della Sue Ezell

FHA; YFC; French Club



Our plays were successful, our dances devine



Sheila Fielden
FTA; YFC; History Club;
FBLA; Speech Club; Ask Any
Girl; Chorus; French Club;

David Flannigan
FFA; Chorus

Virgil Flannigan
FFA; Chorus



Connie Flatt
Hi-Tri; FHA

Patricia Frailey
Latin Club; Speech Club;
FNC; Office Cadet; **Echo**; Hi-
Tri; Junior Play Usher

Jack Frick
Hi-Y, President; Speech Club,
Secretary; History Club, Sec-
retary; YFC; **Echo**; **Scarab**;
Science Club; Speech Contest



Winona Fryer
FHA; FTA; French Club; His-
tory Club; FBLA; Chorus;
FNC; Hi-Tri

Jean Gant
FHA; Chorus; Hi-Tri

Ronnie Giaccone
Football; Track; Latin Club;
Speech Club; Key Club; Math;
Field Day; Chemistry Club;
Wrestling



Peggy Graham
Hi-Tri; FHA

Georgia Groves
Hi-Tri

Curtis Gunter
Latin Club; Chemistry Club;
History Club; Chorus

As freshmen we were sometimes timid

Evelyn Hall

Hi-Tri; Chorus; FHA; Scarab

Wiley Hall

Latin Club, Vice President;
Student Council, Treasurer,
Vice-President; Sophomore
Class President; Chemistry
Club; Scarab Royalty; Scarab;
Speech Club; Basketball; Foot-
ball; Track; Senior Class Vice
President

Betty Hammond

Transfer from Riverview Gar-
dens; Hi-Tri; Chorus

Susan Hill

Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Echo;
Scarab; Chemistry Club;
Speech Club, President; FBLA;
YFC; Ask Any Girl; Chorus,
State Music Contest, All-State
Chorus

Judy Holman

YFC; Hi-Tri; FBLA; GAA

Mary Ann Hughes

FBLA; YFC; Office Cadet;
Hi-Tri; Chorus; Echo; Latin
Club

Randy Hungate

Football; Basketball; Track;
Wrestling; History Club; Key
Club; FBLA; Chorus; FFA

Lou Ann Johnston

Hi-Tri; FHA; GAA

Kay Kerley

FBLA; Hi-Tri; History Club

Sue Kerley

Hi-Tri; FBLA; History Club

Martha Kern

YFC; Echo; GAA, Social
Chairman; Lions' Honor Ban-
quet; Graduation Usher; FHA;
Hi-Tri Council

Cheryl Lampley

FHA, Parliamentarian; GAA;
Band; Ask Any Girl; FBLA;
Hi-Tri; History Club



We will always remember our sad and gay days



Gary Lindsay

Transfer from Litchfield;
Echo, Co-Editor; Scarab; Hi-
Y; History Club; Science Club

Janice Link

FHA; History Club; Hi-Tri;
FBLA; Speech Club; Letter
Girl

Ronnie Lynch

Football; Speech Club; Wres-
tling

Dean Manis

French Club; History Club;
Track; Football; Basketball;
Science Club

Don Massey

Transfer from Sesser; Science
Club; Math Club; Scarab

Jerry McCann

FFA; History Club

Judy McClearin

FHA; Chorus; History Club;
Hi-Tri; DO

Candace McClerren

GAA, Board; FTA; Lions'
Honor Banquet; Latin Club;
Math Field Day; Hi-Tri; His-
tory Club

Tommy McEndree

Judy McKinnon

FBLA; Hi-Tri; History Club;
FNC; Band, President, State
Music Contest; Latin Club;
Lions' Honor Banquet; Gradu-
ation Usher

Jerry McPherson

FFA

Gary Messersmith

Latin Club; Chemistry Club;
Echo; Scarab; Speech Club;
Hi-Y; FTA; Chorus; FBLA;
Thespians

We thought our senior year would never arrive

Linda Moore
Chorus; FHA

Terry Moore
FBLA

Bette Neal
Hi-Tri; FHA; French Club;
History Club; Graduation
Usher; Lions' Honor Banquet;
Scarab



Paul Neal

Ricky Nix
DO; Basketball; Track

Bob Orchid
Latin Club, Treasurer; Key
Club, President; Junior Class
President; Senior Class Treas-
urer; Graduation Marshall;
Football; Basketball; Track;
Student Council, President;
Chemistry Club; Speech Club;
Scarab



Betty Overturf
Hi-Tri; DO

Bill Pace

Toni Paulavish
GAA, Treasurer; History Club;
Latin Club; FTA; FHA; Pep
Club; Lions' Honor Banquet



Lela Pedigo
GAA; FHA; FNC; Hi-Tri

Jerry Perry
Football; Track; Wrestling;
FFA

Jean Phillips
FBLA; YFC; FHA; Hi-Tri;
Speech Club



Yet, how did it get here so fast?



Kay Piercy
FHA; GAA; Hi-Tri

Val Pritchett
Latin Club; Chemistry Club

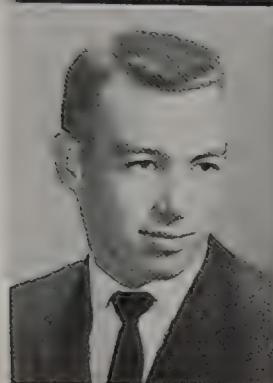
Janice Prowell
Sophomore Class Vice President; Chemistry Club; Student Council; Hi-Tri; Latin Club; FNC; Speech Club; Band Twirler; **Echo**; **Ask Any Girl**; FHA; YFC; Lions' Honor Banquet; Graduation Usher



Alicia Puckett
FHA; Hi-Tri

Merry Reed
FHA; GAA; Hi-Tri; Band

Carole Rice
FHA; Hi-Tri; GAA; Chorus



Mike Roberson

Art Rockich

Joe Rogers
FFA; Latin Club; **Ask Any Girl**; FTA; Speech Club



Rick Sassano
History Club

Dale Severin
Transfer from Highland Park

Barbara Shankle
GAA; **Echo**; Hi-Tri; FBLA; FHA

We're thankful to our teachers

Patricia Shankle
Hi-Tri; GAA

Barbara Shelton
Transfer from Bloom; Hi-Tri;
GAA; FHA

Don Shockley
Ask Any Girl

Judy Short
Hi-Tri, Council; Scarab Royalty;
Homecoming Attendant;
Cheerleader; Latin Club;
Chemistry Club; Make-Up
Club, Vice President; FBLA;
Student Council; History
Club; Baccalaureate Usher

Kenneth Slayton
Band

Clodena Smith
FHA; YFC; Hi-Tri

Diane Smith
Hi-Tri; FHA

Nelda Smith
FHA; History Club; Band,
State Music Contest; FNC;
GAA; Hi-Tri; Echo

Patty Sneed
FHA; History Club; YFC;
FBLA, Secretary; Ask Any
Girl; MakeUp Club; Echo;
Sweater Girl; Speech Club

Charles Stelzriede
French Club, Treasurer; Band;
Chorus; HiY; FTA; YFC

Warren Stewart
Football; Track; Sport Man-
ager; Speech Club; Math
Club, Treasurer; Chemistry
Club; Latin Club; Lions'
Honory Banquet; Math Field
Day; Ask Any Girl

Dick Stull
Freshman Class President; Stu-
dent Council, Secretary; Latin
Club, President; Key Club,
Vice President; FBLA;
Chorus; Speech Club



We know we weren't always angels



Bill Sullivan

Barbara Summers
Hi-Tri; FHA; French Club;
Math Club

Betty Summers
GAA; FHA; FNC; Hi-Tri

Bob Summers

James Summers
History Club; YFC; Chorus;
Science Club; Chemistry Club

Nancy Swinney
History Club; YFC; Chemistry
Club; Hi-Tri

Charles Taskoski

History Club; Speech Club;
YFC

Ed Tasky

Football; Basketball; Scarab
Royalty

Judy Tate

Hi-Tri Council, Vice Presi-
dent; FHA, Public Relations
Chairman; FBLA; Speech
Club; Freshman Class Vice
President; Student Council;
French Club, Secretary; Echo;
Scarab; Homecoming Attend-
ant; Junior Play Usher

Mike Tate

FHA

Crystal Taylor

FHA; Baccalaureate Usher;
Hi-Tri, Council; Homecoming
Attendant; Mu Alpha Theta

Fred Taylor

Hi-Y; History Club; YFC;
Track; Chemistry Club; Sci-
ence Club; Lions' Honor
Banquet

We'll never forget our high school days

Mary Taylor
 Hi-Tri; Latin Club; Lions'
 Honor Banquet; Graduation
 Usher; Chorus, State Music
 Contest; YFC; Chemistry
 Club; Mu Alpha Theta;
 Scarab, Editor

Robert Terry
 Band; Chorus; YFC; History
 Club; Latin Club; Hi-Y;
 Speech Club; Echo; Ask Any
 Girl

Terry Thomas
 Basketball; Football, Co-Cap-
 tain; Track; Key Club; Chem-
 istry Club; Scarab Royalty

Tommy Threewitt
 History Club; Chemistry Club;
 FFA; FBLA; Math Club; Sci-
 ence Club; Football; Track;
 Wrestling; Student Council;
 Chorus; Junior Class Vice
 President; Graduation Mar-
 shall

Robert Tucker

David Upchurch
 Wrestling; Science Club; Mu
 Alpha Theta, President; FTA,
 Parliamentarian; Speech Club;
 Key Club; YFC; Chemistry
 Club; Manager for Junior Play

Diana Upchurch
 Hi-Tri, President, Council;
 FTA, President; Junior Class
 Secretary; GAA, Secretary,
 Treasury, Points Manager; Mu
 Alpha Theta, Secretary;
 Scarab; Baccalaureate Usher;
 Office Cadet; Chemistry Club;
 YFC; Lions' Honor Banquet;
 FHA, Board, Vice President

Adrian Walker
 Latin Club; History Club;
 YFC; Chorus

Rita Webb
 FTA; French Club; Hi-Tri;
 FBLA; YFC; Speech Club;
 History Club; Ask Any Girl;
 Scarab

Charles Webster
 Latin Club

Josephine Wertz
 GAA; FNC; Latin Club;
 Chemistry Club; Hi-Tri

Paula West
 Echo; Cheerleader; Speech
 Club; Band; Twirlers; FBLA;
 Hi-Tri Council; YFC; FHA;
 Latin Club; History Club;
 Baccalaureate Usher; Ask Any
 Girl



The fun, the tears, nor the friends we made



Tom Whittington
Basketball; Track

Dian Wiggs
GAA; FHA

Rita Wiggs
Hi-Tri; Latin Club; GAA, Secretary; FHA; Chemistry Club; Mu Alpha Theta; Lions' Honor Banquet; Baccalaureate; Usher; Math Field Day



Kenneth Wilkerson
YFC; FFA, President; FTA; Speech Club

Richard Wilkerson
Latin Club; Chorus

Skip Williams
Football; Track; Band; History Club; Speech Club; Chemistry Club; Basketball



Bea Williamson
Transfer from Clinton; FTA; Lions' Honor Banquet; Hi-Tri

Alice Willis
FHA; Chorus; FTA

Phyllis Winemiller
FHA Officer; History Club; YFC; Band, State Music Contest; Homecoming Attendant



Ferrell Winemiller

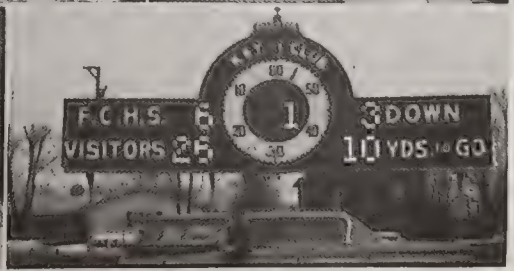
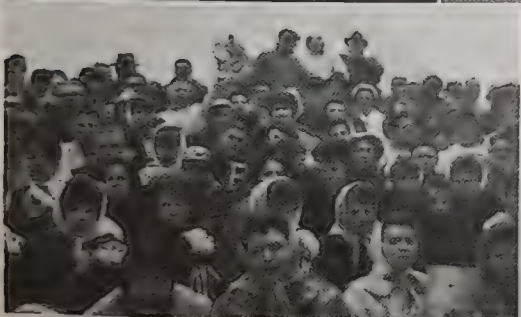
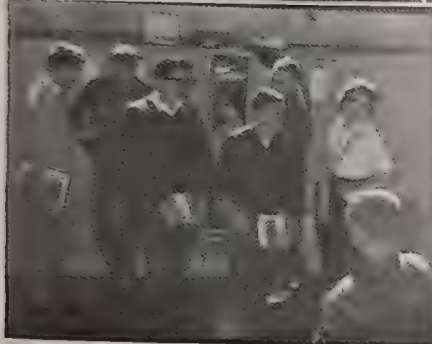
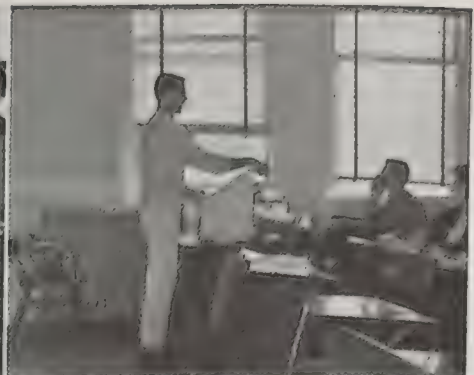
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Latin Club; Basketball; Football; Key Club; Chemistry Club; YFC; History Club; Speech Club

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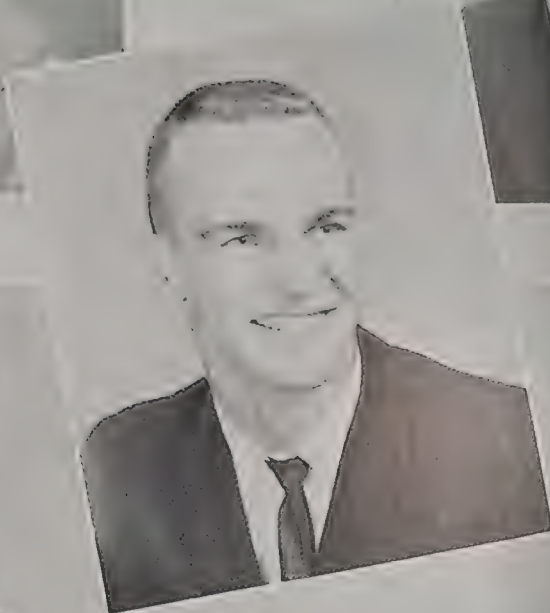
Parting is such sweet sorrow



Noon hour relaxation.
Do you like sports?
Which class next?
Move over.
Victory!

Is this my book?
Friends, Romans, countrymen
Careful everyone.
Pep, pep, peppiest ones.
Waiting for someone?

Wordsworth Who?
Look up in the sky—
"We're for you Benton High."
Comparing notes?
Victory for the Rangers!



MARY TAYLOR

WILEY HALL

EARNEST DUCKWORTH

TERRY THOMAS

BOB ORCHID

Outstanding Seniors of 1962



DIANA UPCHURCH



TOM WHITTINGTON



SHIRLEY BUNTIN



RONNIE GIACONE



JUDY SHORT

Each year the members of the faculty, the office staff, and the principle, Mr. Mundell, choose the outstanding students of the Senior Class. They are elected by secret ballot and the returns are unveiled to the whole student body at one time.

The students which are chosen are participants in school activities, and have attained a high scholastic

record throughout their four years at Benton High. They are also chosen for their personality traits, behavior, interest and other essentials that are necessary for the composure of a desirable high school.

The students are not chosen for their accomplishments of their Senior year only. Four years of hard work make an outstanding senior.



Class of 1963

As "jolly juniors" of Benton High School we are sitting on top of the world. We have learned almost all the in's and out's of high school life, and we have finally experienced our first year as honored upper-classmen. We have waited two long years for this title, but we have finally made it.

This is the year our chosen committee selected our class rings, and we patiently waited for that wonderful day when they would arrive. We also experienced the thrill and excitement of decorating and getting ready for the Junior-Senior Reception. It was a big task, but we enjoyed every minute of it. This year many of our class became actors and actresses as we presented the annual Junior Play. We have had many good times during 1962, and we are looking forward to our senior year.

Just one more year!

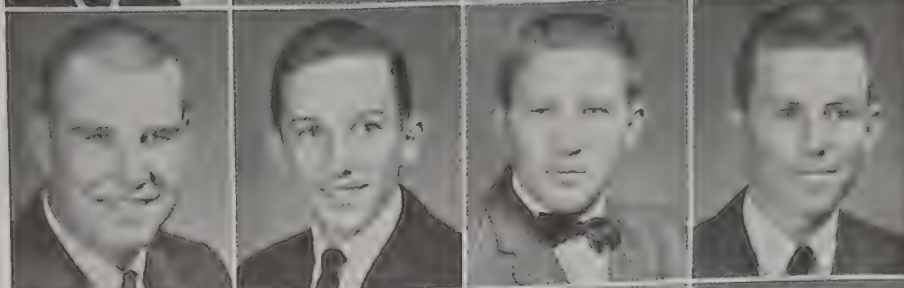
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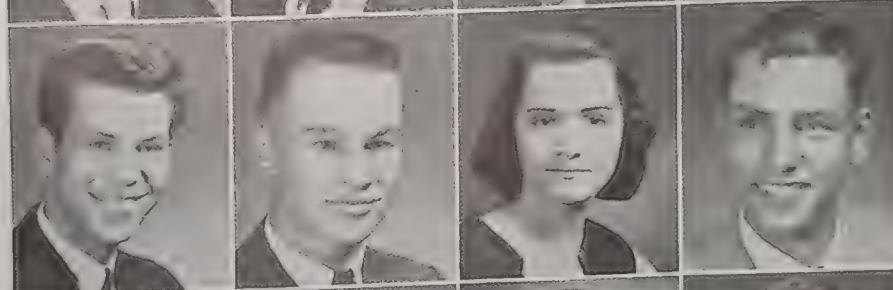
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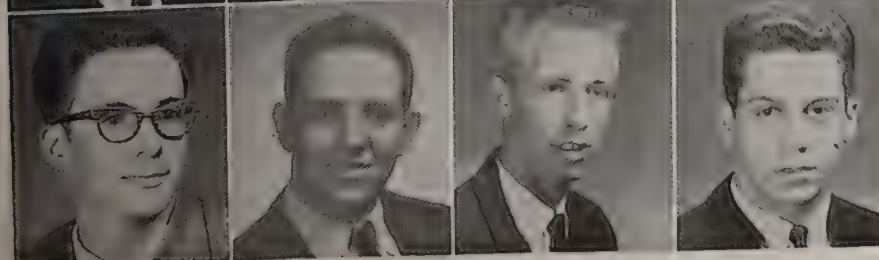
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Victor Foster





Sylvia Galles
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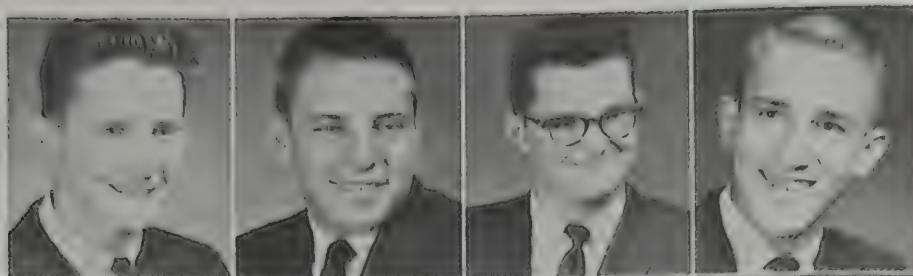
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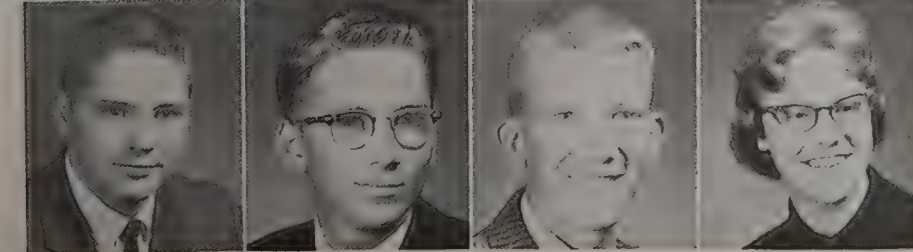
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Carolyn Reed
Ronnie Rich

Raymond Roberson
Rosemary Sanders
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Butch Smith
Zackie Smith
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Linda Wilkerson



Ted Wilkerson
Lynn Dee Williams
Warren Williamson
Jim Willis



Larry Woodland
Betty Woolard
David Wright





Class of 1964

This is our second year at Benton High School. As "silly sophomores" we are no longer recognized by our looks of confusion.

Since we are better acquainted with our school's customs we will participate in more activities such as—The Echo Carnival and Homecoming Parade, and we will hold more class socials.

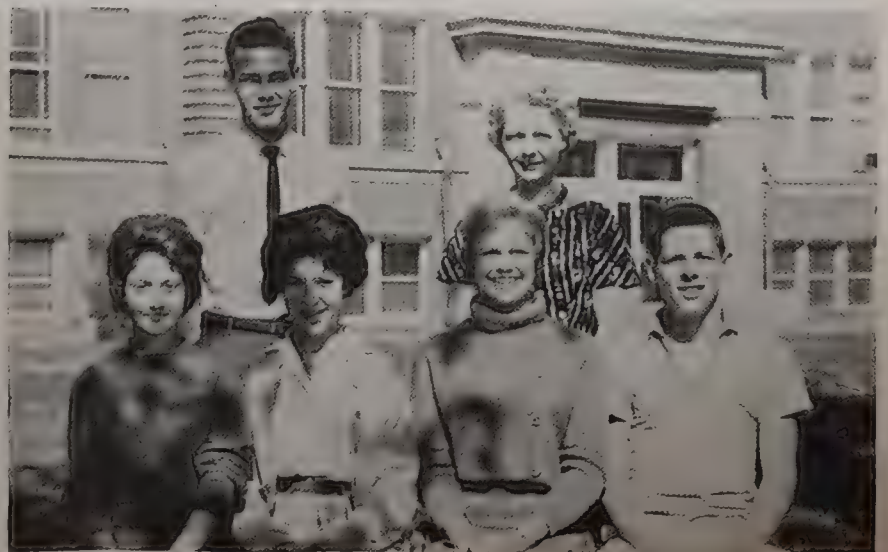
This year we are in charge of the concession stand during the football and basketball seasons. More of us are joining clubs and are helping with the freshman members. We want to give them the same warm welcome we received when we entered as freshmen.

Since this is our last year as lower classmen, we have had to assume more responsibilities. Next year we will be respected and will be expected to be somewhat more mature and to be able to set examples for the lower classmen.

As departing "silly" sophomores, we know we have left behind us a year of many excitements and thrills. We hope we have left a spirit that will linger and perhaps help the new incoming sophomores.

Half way through B.C.H.S.

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Sandy Forsythe
Danny Fowler

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Carole Frailey
Don Frick
Jack Frost
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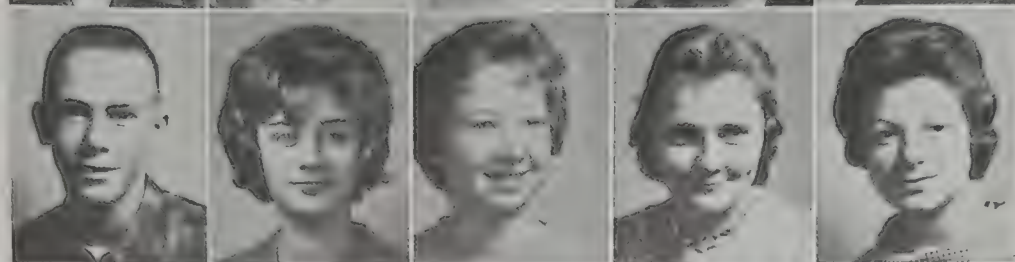
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Lynn Johnston
Mack Karnes
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Patsy Kimmel
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Marsha Kirkman
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Paul Leffler
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Larry McClintock
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Carol Milton
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Sam Prowell
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Linda Rea
 Jim Reynolds
 Jim Rice
 Scott Robertson
 Susan Rock



Paul Rogers
 Leslie Rone
 Barbara Rusher
 Ronnie Sample
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 Sherry Schleicher
 Tommy Sears
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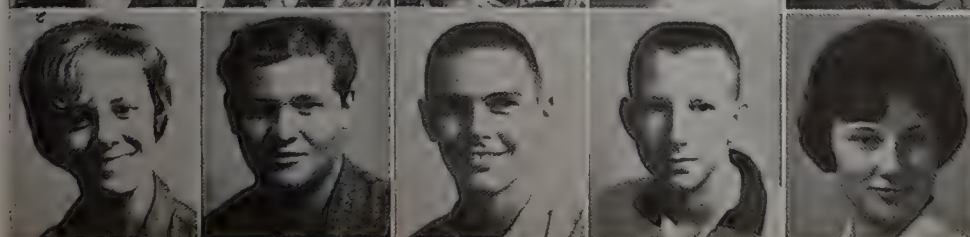
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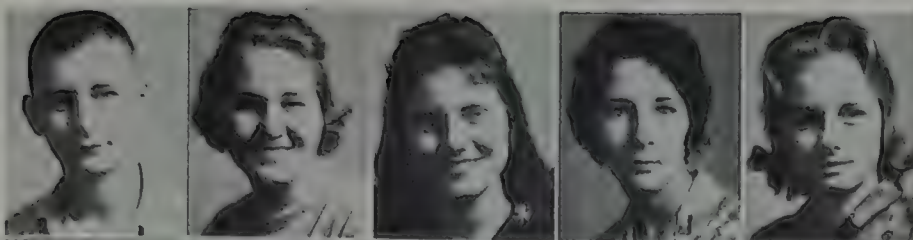


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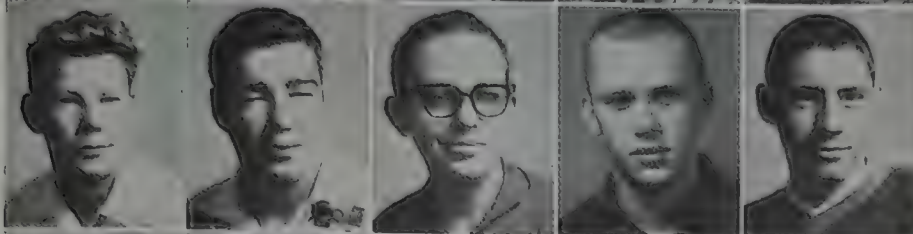


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 Billy Taylor
 Brenda Threewitt





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Theresa Trapper
Barbara Upchurch
Doneta Upchurch
Martha Varley



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David Warren
Mike Watson
Warren Watson
Don Webb



Ellen Webb
Pam Webb
David Webster
Jerry Welch
Mary Wheeler



G. A. Wiggins
Paula Wilkerson
Wendy Williams
Paul Wilson
Sue Wilson



Herb Winemiller
Donna Wintz
Jane Wisnewski
Barbara Woodrow
Charles Woodrow



Gene Young

Sophomores without pictures

Kenneth Barnfield
Carna Gaye Boyd
Ronnie Bryant
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Richard Cluck
George Conner

Jesse Craig
Mike Franklin
John Gulley
Norma Hood
Phyllis Hutchinson

Linda Kizer
Paul Lampley
Walter Trapper
Jeanita Williams
Stanley Williams

Class of 1965

Here we are! We have finally reached our first year of high school. This is the year we have looked forward to with anticipation.

This is the year that marks the beginning of a whole new era of life. We are beginning to recognize the customs, standards, and essentials of high school.

For the first few weeks of school we were known by our looks of confusion, but we are striving to overcome them.

We hope to be known as a fine class that is willing to work, and a class that is striving to maintain the high standards of our school. We plan to work hard this year because it forms the foundation of our future years.

Many of us are joining clubs and participating in their activities. We enjoy this very much because the members are especially nice and make us feel welcome.

The students of the other classes and the teachers also make us feel welcome by their friendliness and willingness to help us with our problems. Their interest is appreciated very much.

We have many adventures, problems, and memorable experiences our freshman year. We are now looking forward to the next three years hoping they will be filled with enjoyment and excessive knowledge.



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 Robert Hines
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 Tom Hofstetter
 Roy Hosick



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 Linda Jefferies
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 Linda Kasper
 Karl Keller
 Greg Kern
 Mary Ketteiman
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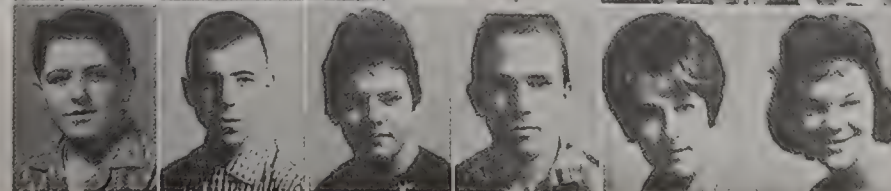
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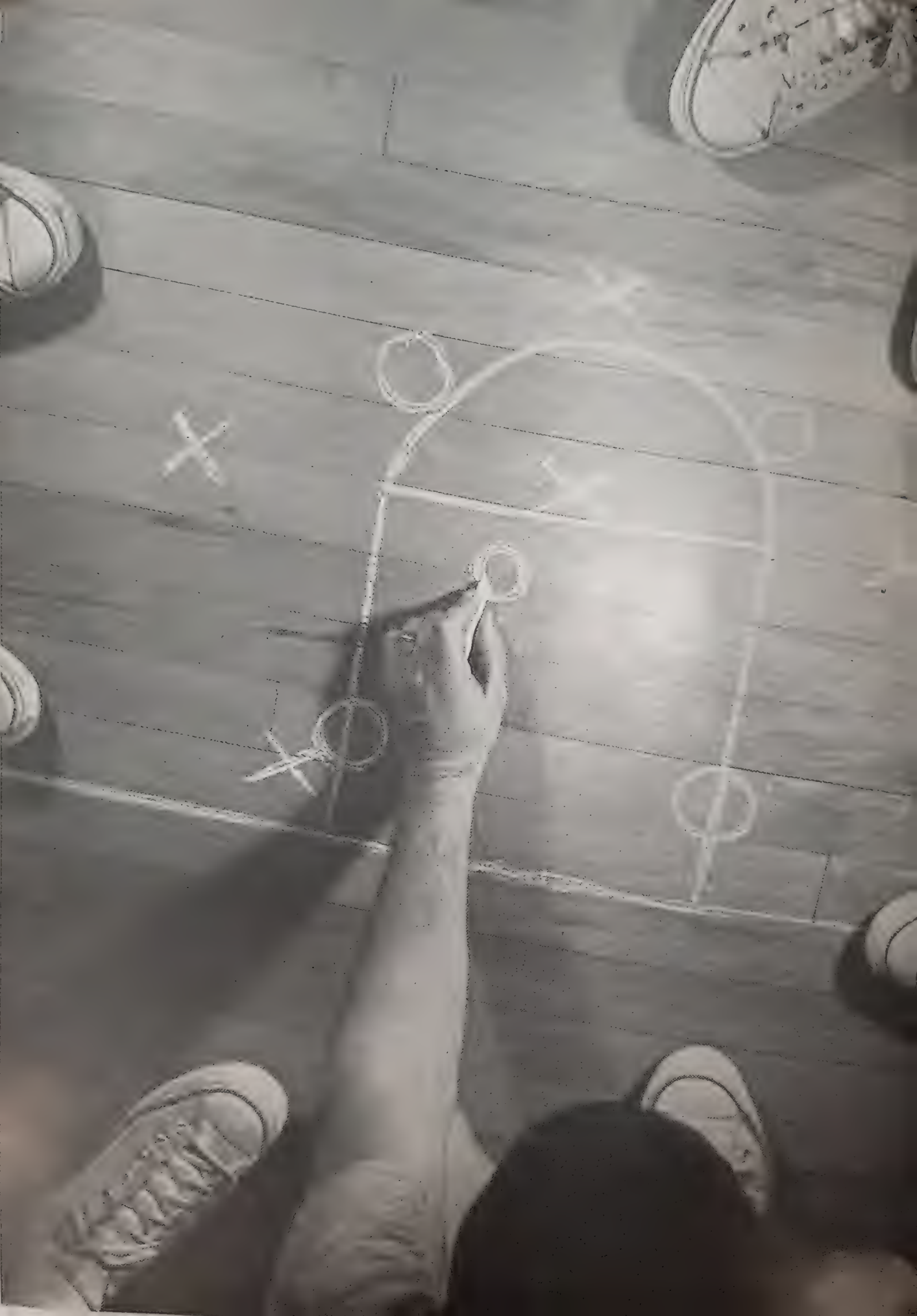


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PORTALS TO PROGRESS . . .

Through Our Sports

BCHS is very fortunate in having a well-rounded sports department with competent coaches to help the students develop skill in athletics. In the fall when football season begins, boys can be seen working out on the practice field preparing for the weekend's game. During the basketball season, the boys are once again practicing, but the games this time will be played in the gymnasium. This year Benton had an excellent basketball team and advanced with wrestling to the district tournament. When basketball season was over in mid-March, the Benton athletes were given a rest, but only for a short time since spring calls for track. The boys once were busy practicing for a busy track season, and for a few senior athletes, track season ended a career of high school athletics.



Rangers to the rescue.

The Fighting Rangers . . .



Who's got the ball?



Let's go all the way!

The pride of our town

Benton started the 1961 season with a very impressive win over a mediocre Sparta team. It was a great first game for the Rangers as they got a chance to wipe out some of their mistakes. Benton then met a tough Belleville team on Tabor Field. The Rangers held a 6 to 0 lead going into the second half but couldn't hold it over the Maroons who already had one defeat. The Marion Wildcats then traveled to Benton where they found nothing but trouble as Benton rolled to an easy victory. The following week Benton went to Murphysboro to meet a Southwest Egyptian conference power. There the Red Devils took the first score of the ballgame on a long looping pass, but the Rangers came back hard to tie the score at 7-7. The Rangers weren't to be stopped after this as they went ahead to win a hard fought game.

The Herrin Tigers next played host to the Benton Rangers. There, Benton came up against one of the toughest lines in the conference, but they proved to be the better as the game ended in a win for the Rangers.

The following week the highly rated Orphans became the victims to a highly spirited Benton team. The Rangers showed no pity as they played one of their best games of the year against a team that they had not

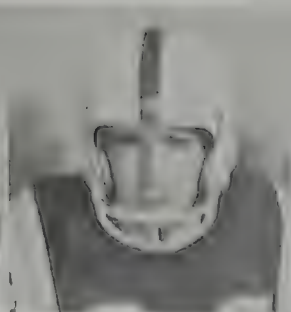
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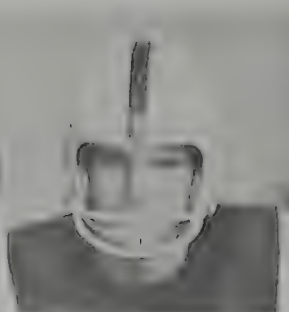
Things look good for the Rangers.



Joe Brandibus



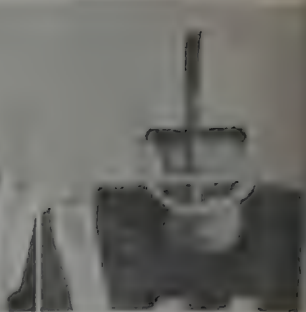
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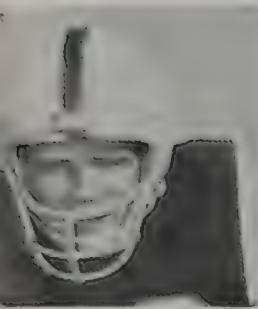
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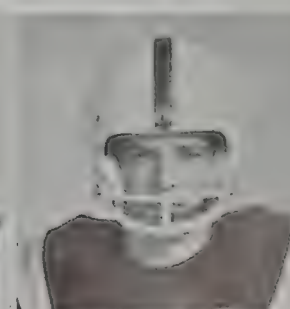
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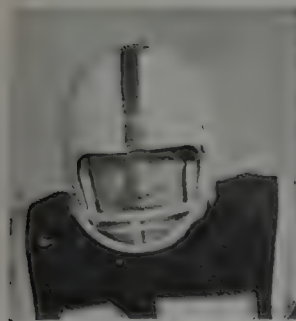


Terry Thomas

The Mighty Rangers



The Rangers go over for a touchdown.



Skip Williams



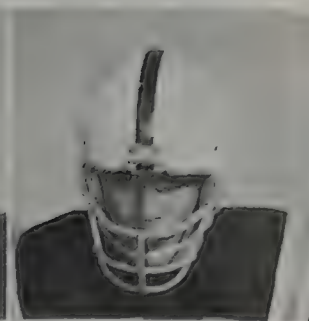
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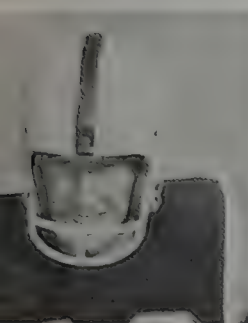
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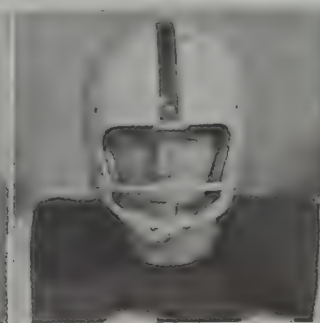
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Rangers to the rescue.



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Applegate, W. Watson, R. Morris, H. Jerrells. Row 4: J. Brandibus, B. Orchid, T. Thomas, W. Hall, R. Head. Row 5: Coach Herrin, T. Payne, L. Saxe, J. D. Darr, Coach Lynch.

Coaches and squad produce winning team



Coaches Lynch, Stewart Truelove, Herrin, and Archer.

beaten since the year of 1949. The spirits of the Rangers were still riding high as the Mt. Vernon Rams called at Benton the next weekend. This game was one that might well have been labeled the heartbreaker of the year. The game that could have gone the other way very easily, overlooking one or two mistakes, was taken by the Rams by a one point margin.

In the following two games Benton played a fine Eldorado and Harrisburg team. Eldorado caught the Rangers taking it easy after two rugged games, but fell despite it with a few points difference. The Harrisburg Bulldogs decided to use the same strategy but fell easier as the Rangers turned the Bulldogs mistakes into scores.

Then, came the Thanksgiving Day game between West Frankfort and Benton. Living up to expectation of the Benton fans, the Rangers played what might have been their best game of the year in defeating a highly rated and deservingly so Redbird team.

In addition to having a wonderful winning season, several Benton players were honored by being mentioned as All-State Material. Some were named on All-State teams while some were mentioned on others. Those who were given state-wide attention were: Seniors; Richard Davis, Terry Thomas, Earnest Duckworth, Wiley Hall and Juniors, Harold Smith and Hal Jerrells. These boys and the team they played on might well be remembered as one of the top teams in Benton history.



Front row: L. Stewart, M. Darnell, H. Johnson, D. Burberry, J. Stewart, L. Atteberry, J. Rice, T. Gulley, D. Webb, M. Lynch, C. Bennett, D. Smith, L. Summers, E. Clinton, M. Adams. Back row:

Coach Stewart, T. Drake, D. Chancey, R. Bumgarte, J. Miller, T. Mitchell, M. Franklin, D. Hefner, J. Sandusky, H. Winemiller, B. True, J. Pemberton, F. Kondritz, C. Hunter.

The underclassmen are very important



First row: B. Walton, D. Slayton, R. Webb, P. Schram, B. Fitzpatrick, S. Choisser, T. Blondi, D. Summers, D. Paris, C. Burberry, L. Hill, L. McGuire, C. Brown, M. Buntin, T. Smothers. Second row: Coach Archer, B. Johnson, C. Grammar, J. Piazza, J. Minier, J. Burton, J. Thomas, J. Larkin, G. Johnson, D. Alexander, R. Giles,

S. Hickman, R. McFadden, L. Durham, C. Bowlin, R. Lewis, H. Warren, W. Grayson. Back row: D. Rotolo, D. Paxton, D. Wheat, B. Simpson, J. Shepard, R. Burilson, D. Johnson, D. Hall, W. Tennison, K. Cunningham, J. Taylor, R. Bailey, T. Barminski, B. Dietz.



Miss Mary Lou Chance was escorted to the throne by the football co-captains, Ernie Duckworth and Terry Thomas, where she was crowned Homecoming Queen at 10:15 P.M. at the Thanksgiving dance on November 23, 1961.

The theme for the dance this year was "Stairway to the Stars," and the gym was beautifully decorated in dark blue with silver stars.

The attendants were escorted to the throne by the senior members of the football squad. The attendants were: Phyllis Winemiller and Crystal Taylor, seniors; Janice Gifford and Shirley Pyszka, juniors; Betsy Payne and Jane Potts, sophomores; Jane Donosky and Janet Moss, freshmen.

Her Majesty Miss Chance



Crystal Taylor



Phyllis Winemiller



Janice Gifford



Shirley Pyszka

Homecoming Attendants



Betsy Payne



Jane Potts



Jane Donosky



Janet Moss



A tense moment.

Get that rebound.



They scored

The B.C.H.S. basketball team started what proved to be one of their most successful seasons in recent years against the Metropolis Trojans. The Trojans, not being up to par, fell victim to the more competent Benton team. Mt. Vernon, following in the footsteps of Metropolis, also became victims of the powerful Rangers. These two wins started a winning streak of eight games. Benton went on the road to meet the Marion Wildcats who, as expected, were a stiff contest. The game went over the regular time period into overtime before Benton came out holding the upper hand. Benton played another home game the following night with the Herrin Tigers. After having to play a rough and tumble game with the Tigers, the Rangers emerged with approximately a twenty point spread. The weak Eldorado Eagles traveled to Benton the following week and caught the Rangers sleeping, but only for a while as Benton slowly widened the lead.

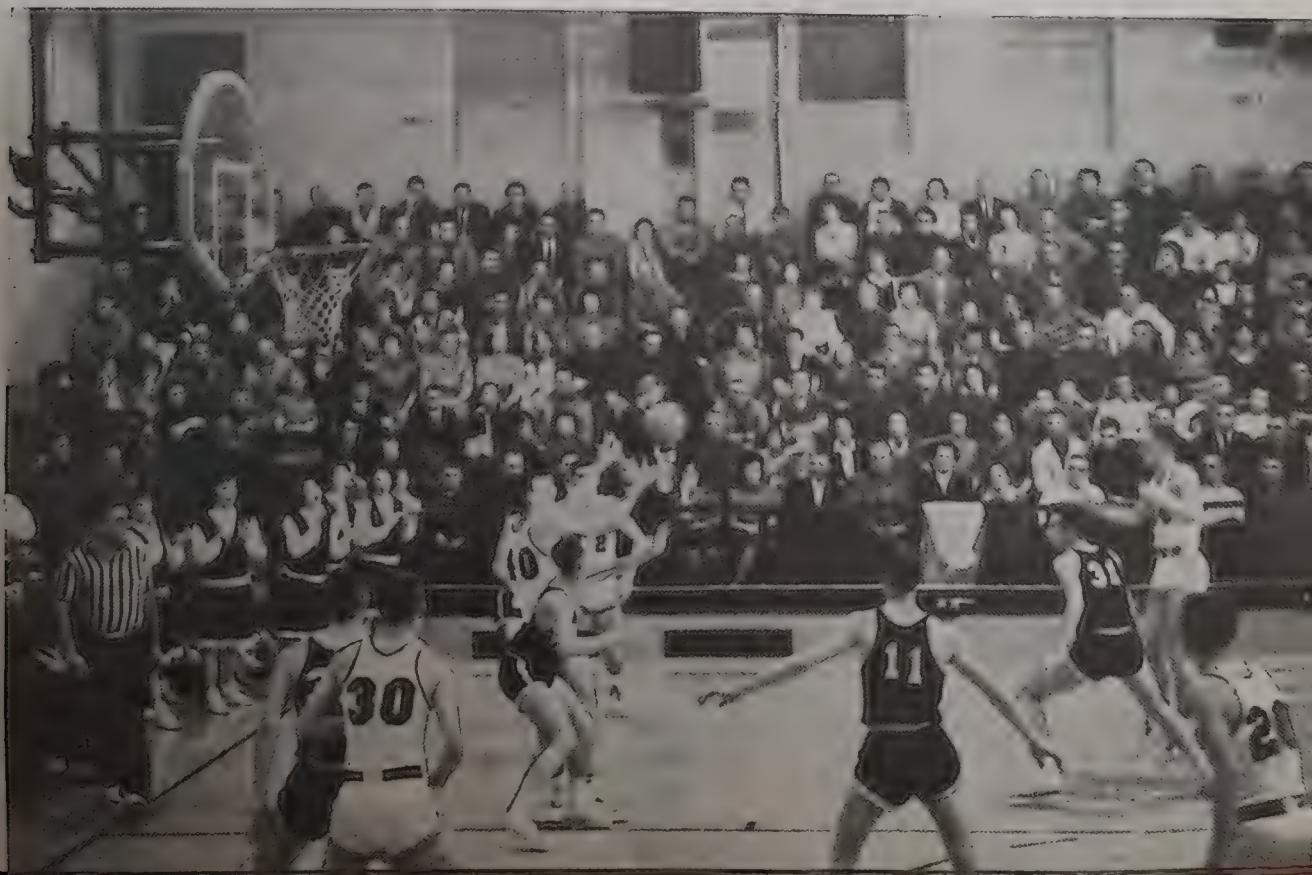
After starting the season with five straight wins, Benton traveled to the Centralia tournament during the Christmas holidays with high hopes. The Rangers played the first contest of the tournament against a tough Decatur Eisenhower team. Benton started out early taking the lead and were never matched as they won with fourteen points to spare. Benton's second game followed the continuing day by defeating the Rockford Auburn club eleven points.



Two for the Rangers.

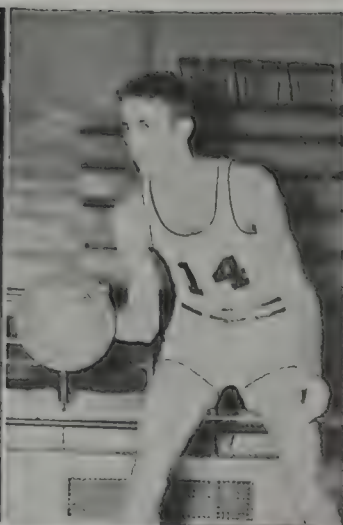
and scored and kept scoring

Get that ball, fight, fight.





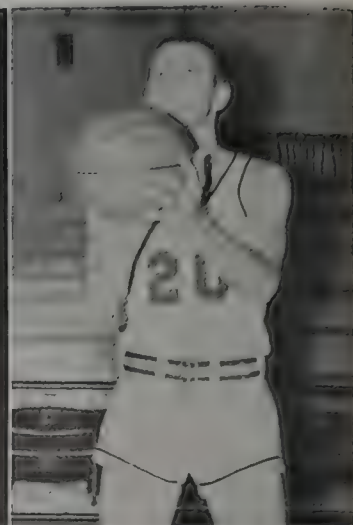
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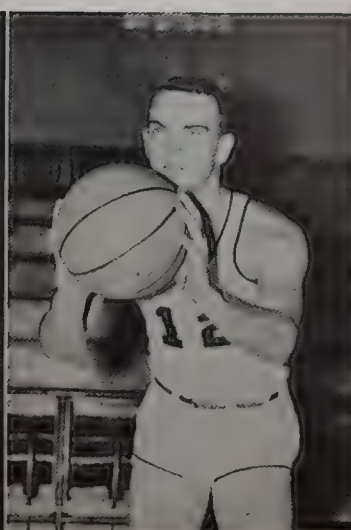
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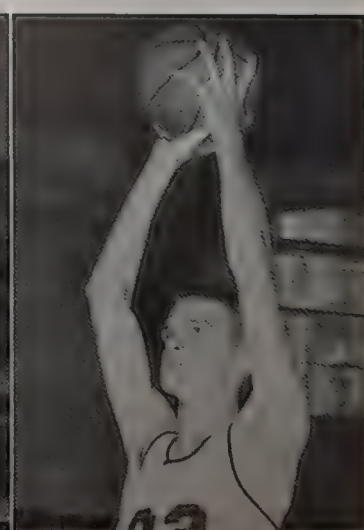
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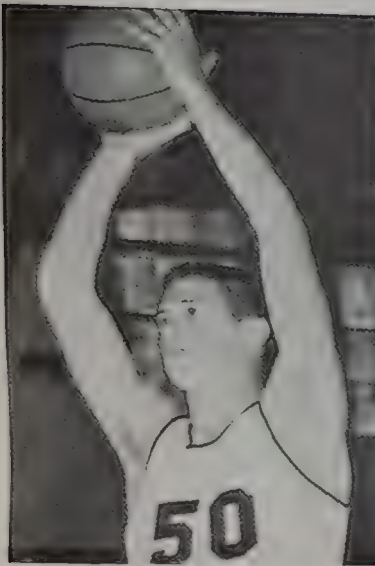
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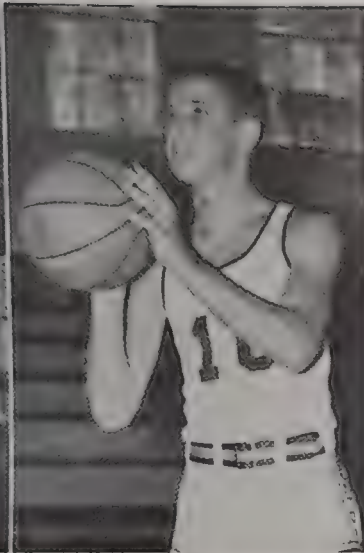
MIKE LIVESAY

On the third day and the game following, Benton met, once again, with the Herrin Tigers. The game went nip and tuck until the last five minutes when a couple of Herrin players fouled out. Benton capitalized on this immediately as they pulled ahead and went on to win by a satisfactory margin. The Rangers again took the floor that same day for the championship of the tournament where they came up against the Centralia Orphans. Centralia jumped off to an eight point lead, but Benton eventually tied the score. The contest was very close all the way before the Rangers were edged out in the final minutes to suffer their first loss of the new year.

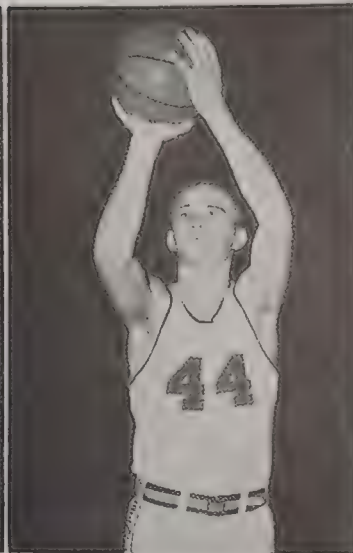
Benton, tasting defeat for the first time, came back to win five more games in succession. The Harrisburg Bulldogs were the first to feel the effects as Benton enter-



J. D. DARR



RICHARD MORRIS



WARREN WATSON

tained them at home. It was a hard fought contest, but Benton came on in the last seconds with a free throw to take the game. The night following the Harrisburg contest, the young Johnston City Indians played host to the Rangers. The game started slowly with the scoring going back and forth until a few minutes before the gun of the second half when Benton pulled out a ten point cushion. Coming back the second half, Benton kept up their steady pace to walk away with one more victory under their belts. The West Frankfort Red Birds came to Benton to try their hand at their long time rivals, but found the road a little too tough as Benton won by a twenty point margin. The Mt. Vernon Rams who had been holding a jinx over all Ranger teams on their home court were finally overcome on the Ram's floor for the first time in approximately thirty years.



Front row: Ernest Duckworth, Bob Orchid, Robert Crawford, Tom Whittington, Terry Thomas, Wiley Hall. Back row: Coach Richard

Herrin, Richard Morris, J. D. Darr, Mike Livesay, Larry Saxe, Larry Spillman.

The Pride of Our Town

Following the Mt. Vernon game, the next weekend Benton went to Carbondale to play in the Carbondale Tournament. Benton was drawn by the Carbondale Terriers by means of a shooting elimination. The game started slowly, but it caught momentum as the Rangers commenced scoring. As the game ended, Benton was well ahead on scoring to take the first game of the tourney.

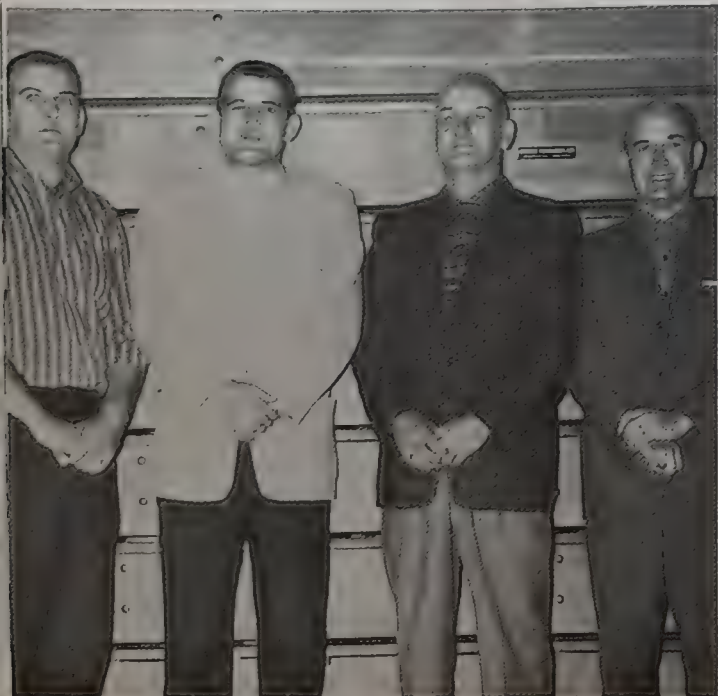
The Sparta Bulldogs defeated the Murphysboro Red Devils in the opening game, and Benton was matched against Sparta the following night for the championship. The two teams appeared evenly matched until the last quarter when the Bulldogs rallied to take the win and the first place trophy.

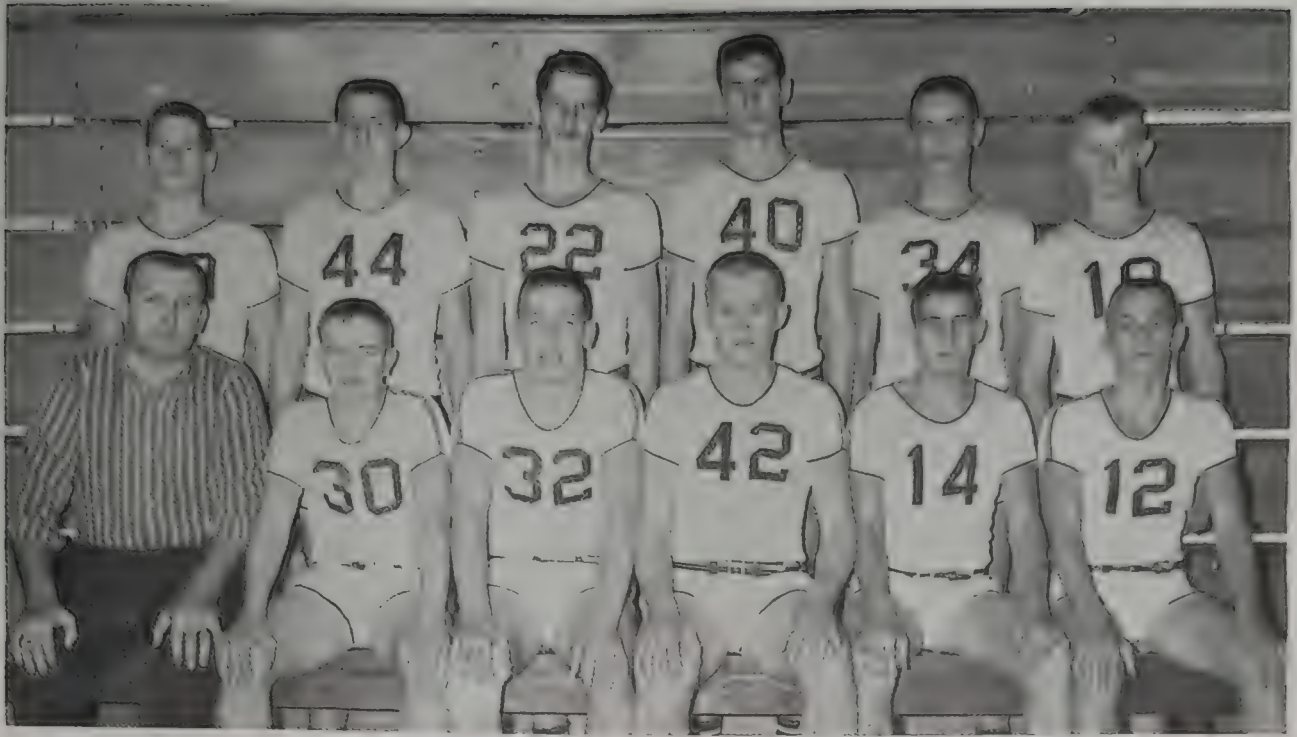
Marion then returned to get revenge, but they found only trouble as the Rangers took a twenty point decision. Benton entertained rival West Frankfort for their second game of the season. The score see-sawed back and forth throughout the game before Frankfort won a two point decision.

Herrin was the host this time as the Rangers played to back their first win at Benton. It didn't go the same way this time as Herrin took the win to split even. Harrisburg also lost to the Rangers the first time at Benton, but they also managed to come out on top on their home court.

Benton, playing Centralia, held close to them all through the game before the Orphans scored a few points in the last minutes to stretch the score to a ten point difference.

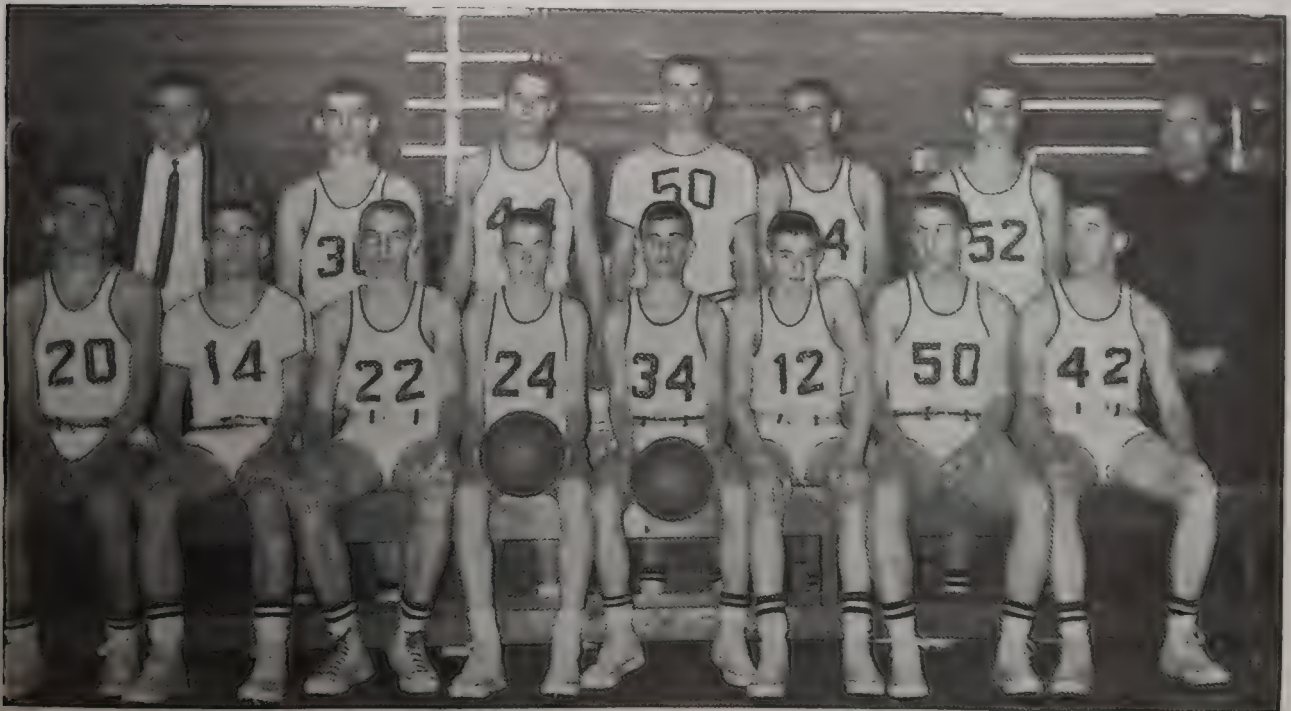
Harry Stewart, Richard Herrin, Glenn Truelove, Jock Archer.





First row: Coach Stewart, R. Baumgarte, J. Sandusky, W. Watson, C. Bennett, D. Higgins. Back row: C. Hunter, L. Summers, W. Tennison, R. Adkins, K. Tote, M. Franklin.

Our Team is G-r-reat!

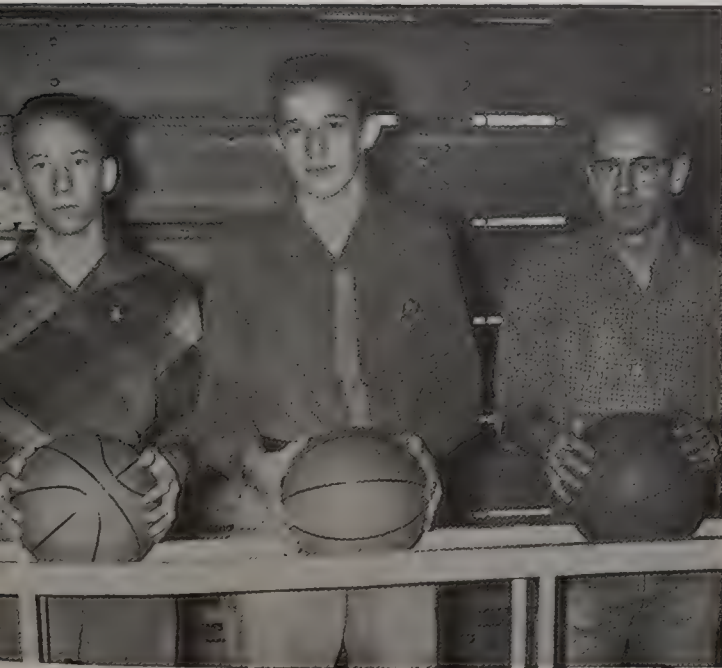


Front row: T. Drake, T. Gulley, R. Burlison, R. Van Horn, T. Blondi, T. Smothers, R. Lewis, B. True. Back row: C. Durham, D. Alexander, B. Wilson, B. Deltz, R. Bailey, D. Johnson, Coach Archer.



Kneeling: J. Pate, J. Harris, M. Chance, J. Shori, P. West. Standing: B. Wingo, J. Donasky, B. Payne, J. Potts, V. Lampley.

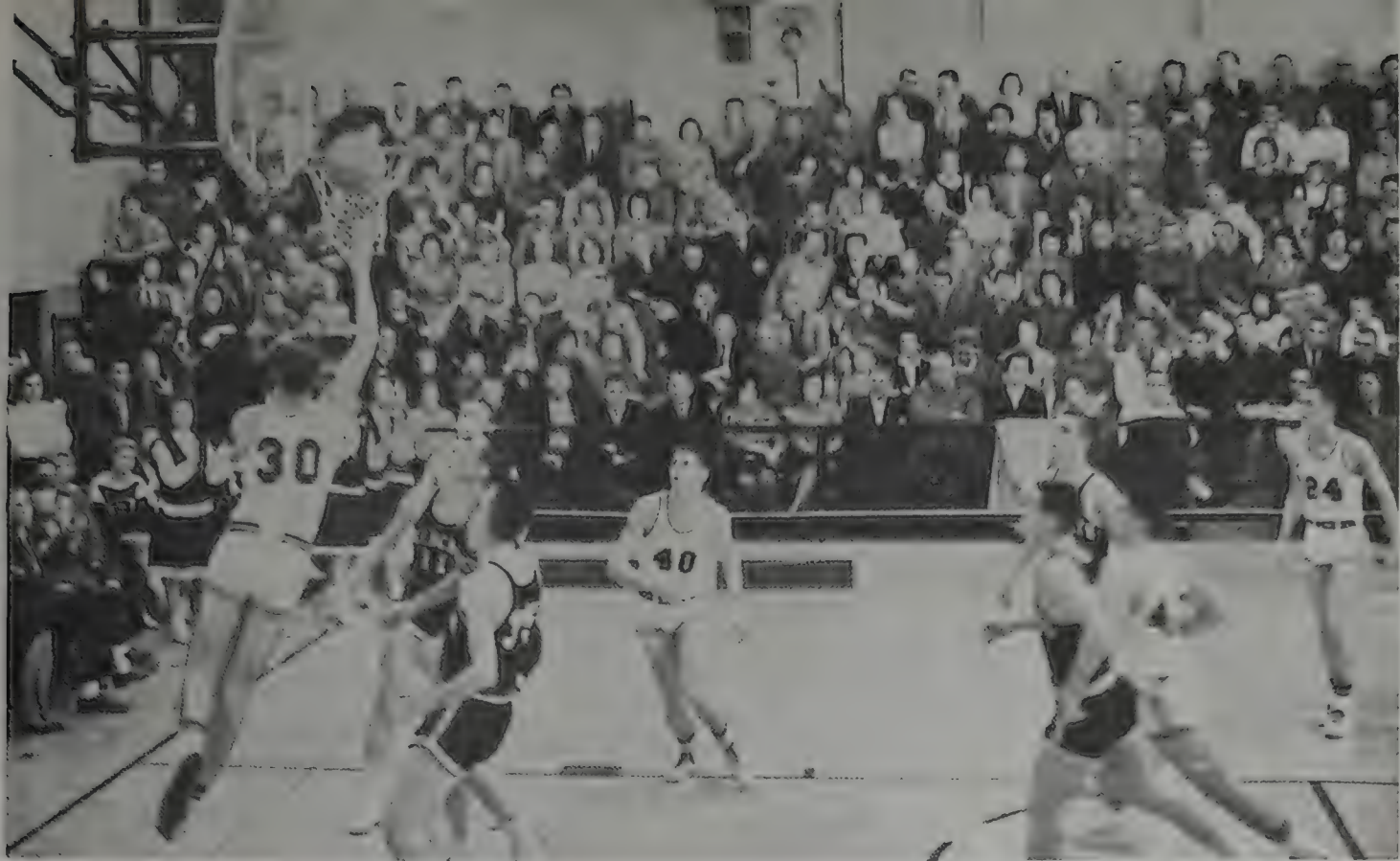
Each has his part to play



Gary Rose, Richard Bethel, Warren Stewart.

The number one backers of our football and basketball players are the BCHS cheerleaders. They are the ones who can always be found leading the shouts and yells of encouragement at every game. The cheerleaders always plan and are in charge of all the pep sessions. These girls should be commended for boosting the morale of the Rangers and giving them the much needed support.

The managers spend most of their time helping the coaches keep the team in shape. They often stay after school when the teams practice and always accompany the teams to all the games. The job of computing various statistics about the teams is handled by the managers. This year's managers were Gary Rose, Richard Bethel, and Warren Stewart.

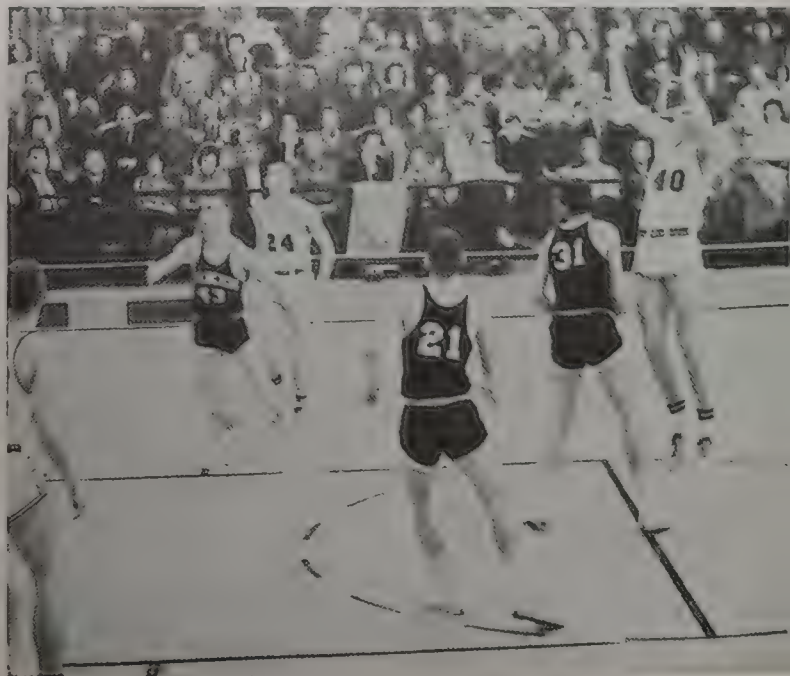


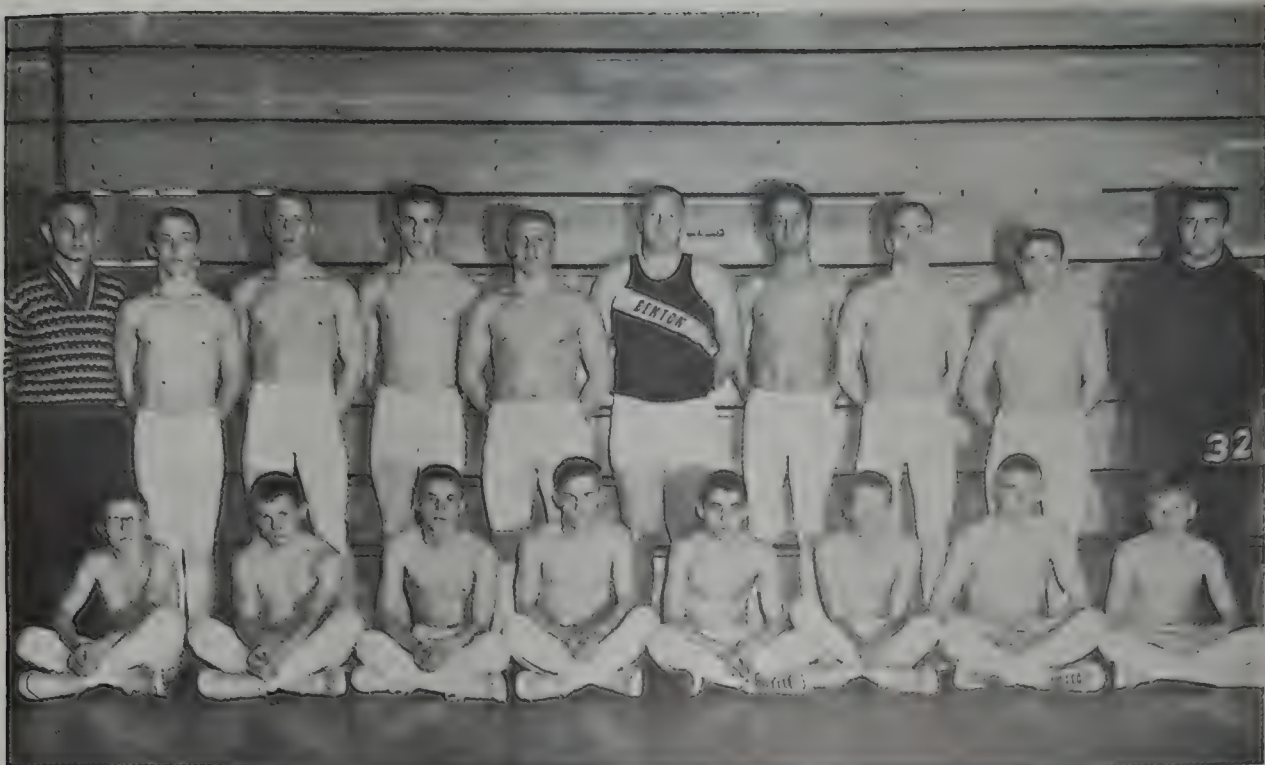
The McLeansboro Foxes were the guests of the Rangers next and proved to be a rough team. They played the Rangers in a close contest but lost out to the more steady host team. Benton traveled to Murphysboro the following week end to chalk up another victory for their winning season. Centralia again was opposed by Benton, but this time at Centralia. Centralia, playing on their own floor, whipped the Rangers for the third straight time. Benton, looking for their last win of the season against a weak DuQuoin team just managed to squeeze it out with a two point margin.

The following week Benton traveled south to the neighboring West Frankfort to play the Sesser Red Devils in the first round of the Regional Tournament. The Rangers, who took the first game with great ease, were matched with the Zeigler Tornadoes the second night and won it very easily also. Then came the final game with the Johnston City Indians. The Indians, playing the same controlled type game that managed to get them by West Frankfort, were less fortunate with Benton.

The Rangers played in the first game of the Sectional Tournament at Herrin against a tough Anna-Jonesboro club. Benton pulled away surprisingly easy as the game got under way and kept up the steady pace throughout the contest. Marion met the Rangers in the championship game the following evening. The game got under way with the score see-sawing back and forth and both

teams playing for everything. The action was still going strong until the final buzzer sounded, and the Marion Wildcats won the ball game with some last minute clutch shooting. This ended the road for Rich Herrin's fine Benton Ranger unit even though they could be compared with other top Ranger teams of the past years.





Front row: H. Darnell, M. Darnell, J. Minier, J. Dunn, D. Barton, J. Piazza, S. Williams, S. Forsythe. Back Row: M. McDonald, J. Perry, K. Wheat, W. McCommons, M. Lynch, H. Smith, D. Wyant, D. Upchurch, L. Atteberry.



Wrestling

Although wrestling is a comparatively new sport at Benton High School, much enthusiasm was shown among the boys this year. Wrestling was started as a fourth major sport at BCHS two years ago under the direction of Coach Jim Lynch. Much progress has been made during these two years, and Benton took several boys to the district meet at East St. Louis, Illinois this year. From there, two boys advanced to the sectional meet at Granite City. Benton had eight matches this year, and they defeated each team they met. During the season Benton wrestled students from Carterville, Murphysboro, Mehlville, Carbondale, and Sparta. Although Benton is lacking in experience, they make up for it in enthusiasm. The boys practiced every afternoon after school, and they gave a wrestling exhibition during one of the assemblies. We hope that in the future more wrestling matches can be held in our home gymnasium so that more BCHS students can become acquainted with Benton's newest sport.

This looks like work to me!



The track team pauses for a picture.

Speed, skill and courage—track

Always handicapped by the lack of having many senior lettermen on the track roster each year, the track team struggled their hardest with the remaining undermen.

The 1961 track team had a pretty good season, as compared to previous years, under the supervision of athletic director, Glenn Trulove and his assistants Rich Herrin, James Lynch, and Harry Stewart. Benton began the season with a dual meet at West Frankfort and then another at Centralia the following week. Benton emerged as victors in both.

April 18, Benton traveled to Christopher for the annual County meet. West Frankfort, Sesser, Zeigler, Christopher, and Benton all competed but the Rangers proved to be too much as they won by a landslide.



Did he survive?



Up and over.



This calls for a rest.

Spring time calls for track

April 20, Benton played host to Eldorado and Thompsonville and also came out on top in this one.

On the Saturday of April 22, Benton went to the West Frankfort Relays and finished in 10th place as some of Southern Illinois' top track men competed. The South Seven Conference was then held on the following Monday night due to bad weather and Benton placed fifth. Centralia captured first place and Herrin a very close second. April 29 Benton was invited to the Car-



The Scoreboard

VARSITY FOOTBALL RESULTS

Benton	-	54	Sparta	-	-	-	0
Benton	-	6	Belleville	-	-	-	26
Benton	-	14	Marion	-	-	-	0
Benton	-	26	Murphysboro	-	-	-	7
Benton	-	12	Herrin	-	-	-	0
Benton	-	13	Centralia	-	-	-	0
Benton	-	13	Mt. Vernon	-	-	-	14
Benton	-	14	Eldorado	-	-	-	12
Benton	-	27	Harrisburg	-	-	-	6
Benton	-	26	West Frankfort	-	-	-	6

SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL RESULTS

Benton	-	8	Herrin	-	-	-	6
Benton	-	0	Centralia	-	-	-	7
Benton	-	0	Marion	-	-	-	34
Benton	-	14	Murphysboro	-	-	-	27
Benton	-	33	Herrin	-	-	-	0
Benton	-	45	West Frankfort	-	-	-	7
Benton	-	13	Mt. Vernon	-	-	-	0
Benton	-	20	Eldorado	-	-	-	6
Benton	-	7	Harrisburg	-	-	-	0

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL RESULTS

Benton	-	14	Herrin	-	-	-	28
Benton	-	28	Eldorado	-	-	-	14
Benton	-	19	Christopher	-	-	-	20
Benton	-	45	West Frankfort	-	-	-	7
Benton	-	7	Harrisburg	-	-	-	6
Benton	-	25	Carbondale	-	-	-	0

SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL RESULTS

Benton	-	58	Metropolis	-	-	-	34
Benton	-	69	Mt. Vernon	-	-	-	51
Benton	-	43	Marion	-	-	-	49
Benton	-	31	Herrin	-	-	-	68
Benton	-	61	Eldorado	-	-	-	38
Benton	-	60	Harrisburg	-	-	-	39
Benton	-	42	Johnston City	-	-	-	32
Benton	-	49	West Frankfort	-	-	-	43
Benton	-	25	Mt. Vernon	-	-	-	42
Benton	-	43	Marion	-	-	-	42
Benton	-	55	West Frankfort	-	-	-	43
Benton	-	42	Herrin	-	-	-	44
Benton	-	42	Harrisburg	-	-	-	44
Benton	-	30	Centralia	-	-	-	40
Benton	-	52	McLeansboro	-	-	-	54
Benton	-	64	Murphysboro	-	-	-	45
Benton	-	31	Centralia	-	-	-	49
Benton	-	68	DuQuoin	-	-	-	39

HERRIN TOURNAMENT

Benton	-	72	DuQuoin	-	-	-	54
Benton	-	63	Centralia	-	-	-	61
Benton	-	42	Herrin	-	-	-	41
Benton	-	59	Marion	-	-	-	56

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL RESULTS

Benton	-	56	Christopher	-	-	-	36
Benton	-	73	Eldorado	-	-	-	36
Benton	-	58	McLeansboro	-	-	-	53
Benton	-	35	West Frankfort	-	-	-	34
Benton	-	49	Herrin	-	-	-	51
Benton	-	47	Johnston City	-	-	-	39
Benton	-	68	Harrisburg	-	-	-	38
Benton	-	77	Johnston City	-	-	-	40
Benton	-	61	McLeansboro	-	-	-	56
Benton	-	62	Centralia	-	-	-	46
Benton	-	74	West Frankfort	-	-	-	58
Benton	-	54	Christopher	-	-	-	38
Benton	-	54	Herrin	-	-	-	63
Benton	-	53	Murphysboro	-	-	-	43
Benton	-	51	Centralia	-	-	-	68
Benton	-	37	Harrisburg	-	-	-	54
Benton	-	65	Eldorado	-	-	-	55
Benton	-	64	Carbondale	-	-	-	70

VARSITY BASKETBALL RESULTS

Benton	-	53	Metropolis	-	-	-	42
Benton	-	64	Mt. Vernon	-	-	-	53
Benton	-	66	Marion	-	-	-	62
Benton	-	86	Herrin	-	-	-	58
Benton	-	62	Eldorado	-	-	-	45
Benton	-	44	Harrisburg	-	-	-	43
Benton	-	60	Johnston City	-	-	-	40
Benton	-	77	West Frankfort	-	-	-	59
Benton	-	48	Mt. Vernon	-	-	-	44
Benton	-	75	Marion	-	-	-	69
Benton	-	60	West Frankfort	-	-	-	62
Benton	-	46	Herrin	-	-	-	57
Benton	-	46	Harrisburg	-	-	-	57
Benton	-	57	Centralia	-	-	-	67
Benton	-	61	McLeansboro	-	-	-	55
Benton	-	78	Murphysboro	-	-	-	51
Benton	-	42	Centralia	-	-	-	62
Benton	-	64	DuQuoin	-	-	-	61

CENTRALIA HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Benton	-	61	Decatur Eisenhower	-	-	-	46
Benton	-	52	Rockford Auburn	-	-	-	41
Benton	-	61	Herrin	-	-	-	55
Benton	-	45	Centralia	-	-	-	49

CARBONDALE TOURNAMENT

Benton	-	60	Carbondale	-	-	-	34
Benton	-	41	Sparta	-	-	-	56

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

Benton	-	98	Sesser	-	-	-	35
Benton	-	86	Zeigler	-	-	-	39
Benton	-	44	Johnston City	-	-	-	31

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

Benton	-	82	Anna-Jonesboro	-	-	-	55
Benton	-	53	Marion	-	-	-	56





PORTALS TO PROGRESS . . .

Through Our Activities

The activities of Benton High School are varied to fit the many interests of the students. For those who enjoy music, there is the band and chorus. For others, there is the Girls Athletic Association, Future Nurses, Future Teachers of America, Hi-Tri, and many more. Each club or organization has a special purpose to fulfill, and each gives special benefits to the students. All of our activities help us to learn to cooperate with teachers and other students, and all help us to have a good time while attending school to further our education. Many hours are spent to plan meetings and parties, but this is time well spent for the benefits received by each student. Activities also stretch beyond our school. Although only a certain per cent of the school can actively participate in athletics, the results of these activities are enjoyed by the entire community.



MARY ETTA DOTY AND ERNEST DUCKWORTH

Each year the student body elect a senior boy and a senior girl to represent the school as king and queen for the Scarab Royalty. In 1962 Miss Mary Etta Doty and Mr. Earnest Duckworth received this honor. Attendants from each of the classes are elected by their respective classes, and all selections are kept secret until the distribution of the SCARAB.

This year's attendants were Miss Brenda Green and

Mr. Tom Gulley, freshmen; Miss Nancy Jenkins and Mr. Charles Bennett, sophomore; Miss Shirley Parks and Mr. Jack Monroe, junior; Miss Phyllis Winemiller and Mr. Bob Orchid, senior.

The Scarab Royalty has been a tradition at BCHS for many years, and we hope that it shall continue to have the high esteem with which it is now regarded.



PHYLLIS WINEMILLER
BOB ORCHID



SHIRLEY PARKS
JACK MONROE

Scarab Royalty



NANCY JENKINS
CHARLES BENNETT



BRENDA GREEN
TOM GULLEY



The Marching Band.

The Music Makers develop their skills



Letter Girls and Majorettes.

The Benton High School Band is one of the most active organizations in our school system. The band marches in the Labor Day Parade, the Homecoming Parade, and the Memorial Day Parade. The band also puts on halftime shows at all the home football and basketball games and plays for commencement exercises.

At Christmas and in the spring, the band, in combination with the chorus, presents concerts that are free to the public. The band sold tickets to a magic show presented by "Birch, the Magician." Each year the band selects two members to go to the All State Band Clinic, held at the University of Illinois. Band members also participate in district and state music contests.

The band consists of fifty members and throughout the year individual members and groups are asked to perform for other civic organizations.

For the first time since nineteen fifty-five we now have a mixed Chorus at BCHS. The Chorus consists of fifty boys and girls. The two main activities for the Chorus this year are a Christmas concert and a Spring Concert. The Chorus works hard and spends many long hours preparing for these concerts. The Chorus also has sextets, quartets, trios and duets that sing for churches and many organizations in Benton.

Mr. Taylor was working this year getting the boys and girls ready for contests. They attended the District contest in February and the state contest in April.

Another service the Chorus does for the community is caroling. At Christmas the Chorus goes to the square and to many homes in Benton singing beautiful Christmas carols.

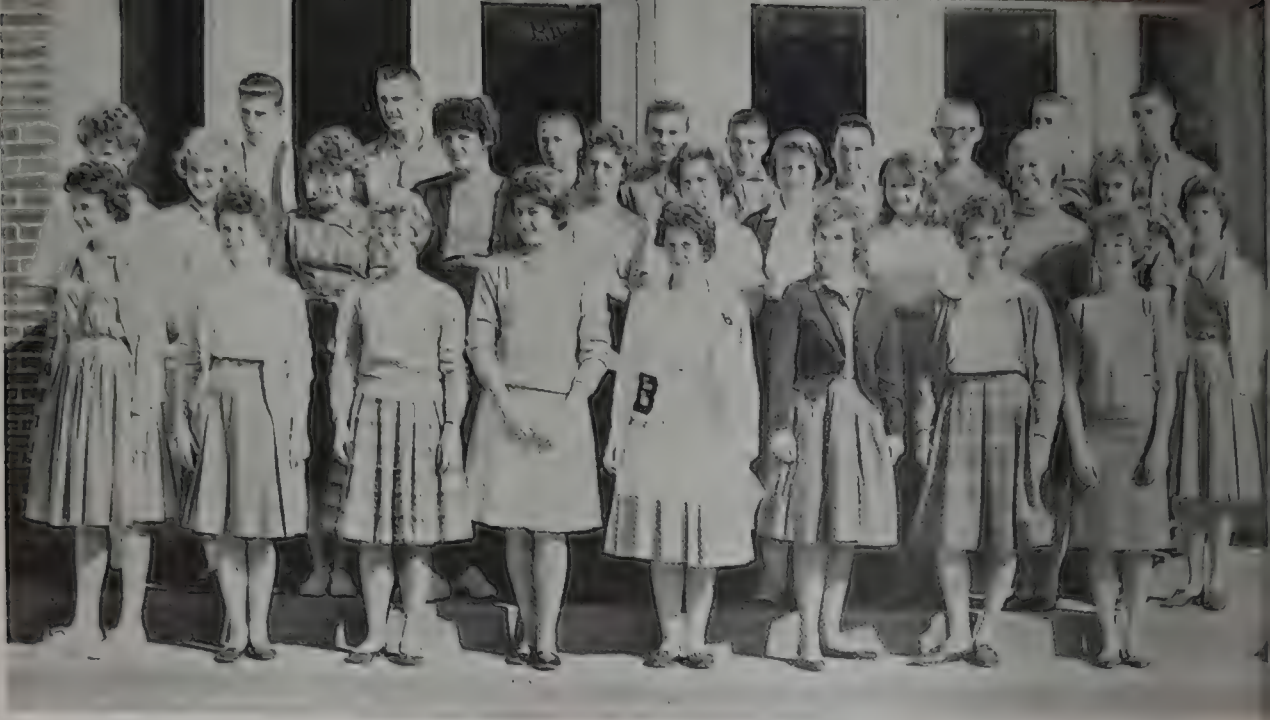


Shall we sing?

The singers of BCHS provide entertainment

The chorus.





Collectors of the news.

The voice of the school

The *Echo*, advised by Miss Ellen Burkchart, presents the student body with the school news. The paper is produced every two weeks by a staff of reporters and editors, and it is printed by the Benton Evening News. Since the *Echo* is the only source of information to all the students, its task becomes more serious. Our paper makes an honest effort to print something about every student. The "In This Corner" column gives full recognition to the presidents of our school's clubs and organizations. Each week in the "Spotlight", the *Echo* prints a story on one of the outstanding athletes at B.C.H.S.

The *Echo* is supported by money received from the students when they pay their tuition, by advertising, and one of the biggest events of the school year, the Echo Carnival. Each club or organization runs a booth or concession. Later in the evening the results of the voting for "L'il Abner" and "Daisy Mae" are announced. Votes are cast by placing pennies in a jar for the two candidates one wants.

Through the years the *Echo* has been improving more and more. This is largely due to the staff of volunteers. This staff holds a meeting each Monday at noon to discuss plans for the next edition. The meetings are led mostly by the editors with comments by the faculty advisor on how to improve. The paper is happy to serve the school and hopes its efforts are appreciated.



G. Lindsay, Asst. Editor; R. Goessman, Editor; M. Lewis, Feature; D. Alexander, Business; R. Glover, Circulation; A. M. Mayeski, Asst. News; N. Baker, News; Miss Burkchart, Sponsor; M. Karnes, Sports.



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Promoting friendship is our business

The Hi-Tri, which is composed of all the girls in the school, is one of the most active organizations at B.C.H.S. Under the watchful guidance of Miss Margaret Armentrout, the girls are helped to make friends and to get the most enjoyment out of their school year.

A council of four girls from each class is elected to make plans and to create ideas for the club. The purpose of Hi-Tri is to try to create friendship, loyalty, character, pleasure, courtesy, and success among the girls.

They had the Freshman Mixer, Freshmen Initiation, Tea for Freshman Mothers, and the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. The organization also serves as the decorating committee at the Homecoming Dance and helped sponsor the Spring Dance.

The large Christmas Tree in the main hall was decorated by Hi-Tri, and in February the club sponsored A Heart Sister Week during which the majority of girls participated.

To raise money the girls sponsored several dances after the game and had a cookie-candy booth at the Echo Carnival.

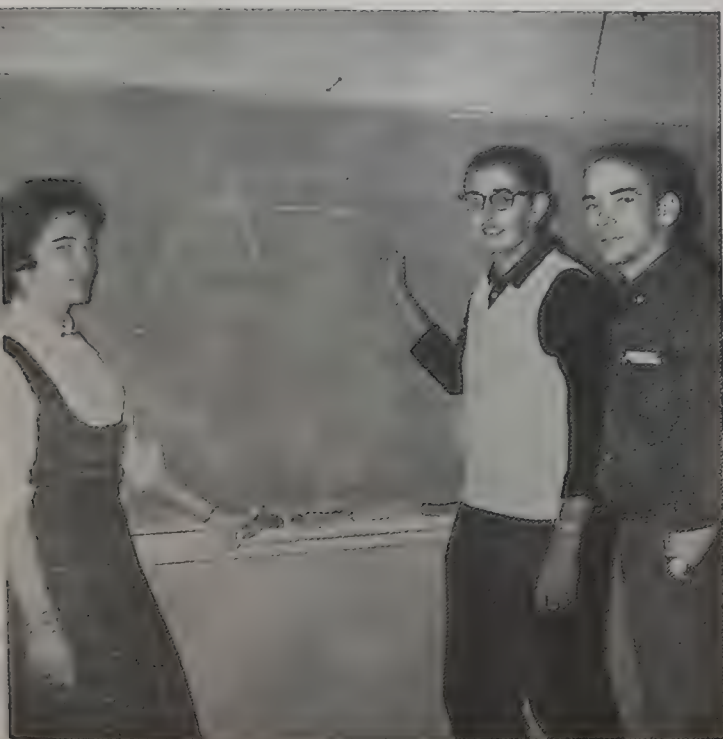


President, Diane Upchurch; Vice President, Judy Tate; Secretary, Mary Ella Doty; Treasurer, Mary Lou Chance; Miss Armentrout, Sponsor.



The wizards of the mathematics department.

$$4 + 4 = 6?$$



Diane Upchurch, secretary; Danny Alexander, vice-president; David Upchurch, president; Warren Stewart, treasurer (not pictured).

Mu Alpha Theta is a national high school and junior college mathematics club. The club has three purposes: To create an interest in and further the study of mathematics, to give a better knowledge of math, and to get better acquainted with the uses of math. To be eligible a student must have high honors in mathematics and in the remaining scholastic work. It consists of only juniors and seniors. The club is a chapter of Mu Alpha Theta, a national honorary society for exceptional math students in high school.

At these meetings the members discuss their future plans and work problems of interest. The club prepares its members for tests which are given by the Mathematical Association of America. Another project is to get some of its members prepared for Math Field Day at Carbondale, Illinois.

Mu Alpha Theta is one of the most active organizations in our school. It sponsors many activities throughout the year such as dances, a booth at the *Echo* Carnival, and a float in the Homecoming Parade. At the end of the year the club takes a trip to a nearby park for a picnic.

The club is under the able leadership of Miss Etna Morrison.

The Youth for Christ, one of the largest clubs at BCHS, consists of over 140 members. The purpose of these 140 members is to spread the feeling and learning of Christianity throughout the school. YFC is especially proud of the fact that its members have faith and pride to stand up for Christ.

Throughout the year YFC has meetings at not one, but many different churches, since it is nondenominational. The club gives hayrides and parties, they sell various items to raise money, and they enter a float in the Homecoming Parade.



Front row: Sharon Pinkham, Secretary; Martha Kern, President; Mary Battle, Vice-President; Jack Frick, Diana Upchurch, Mary McDowell, Treasurer; Robert Terry, Don Frick, Alberta Hidritch, Sponsor.

Follow the Leader



One of the largest clubs in school.



Front Row: Mrs. Craddock, S. Buntin, B. Stull, A. Pickard, R. Sanders, Miss Webb. Second Row: L. Britton, N. Baker, P. Wine-miller, L. Doty, C. Lampley, S. Hall. Third Row: S. Pyszka, K.

Knight, S. Galles, J. Moss, S. Ludwig, N. Smith. Back Row: N. Cook, C. Kramer, R. Czenski, N. Doty, S. Woodrow.

Mother's little helpers

The Benton chapter of the Future Homemakers of America was organized at B.C.H.S. in 1945. To become a member, you must have completed one semester of home economics and participated in five chapter activities.

The F.H.A. is one of the most active clubs in the school. Some of its activities of the year are: attending the annual section rally, National F.H.A. Week, decorating for the Homecoming Dance, serving at the Junior-Senior Reception, Style Shows, Hobo Day, Dog Days, and the Farmer's Ball.

For the past two years the Benton chapter of the F.H.A. has contributed \$25.00 to a scholarship fund for two Turkish girls who are majoring in home economics at S.I.U. This is the international goodwill project.

With the money received from the members working Hobo Day, the living area was improved. The girls have made new draperies and some new furniture was purchased.

The purposes of F.H.A. are to promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking, to emphasize the importance of worthy home membership, to encourage democracy in home and community life, to work for good homes and families, to promote international goodwill, to foster the development of creative leadership in home and community life, to provide wholesome individual and group recreation, and to further interest in home economics. The officers are: president, Shirley Buntin; vice president, Brenda Stull; secretary, Arlene Pickard; treasurer, Rosemary Sanders.



Students going to fall FHA rally.



First Row: M. Doty, J. Pate, B. Payne, G. Martin, J. Potts, R. Webb. Second Row: E. Duckworth, L. Saxe, M. Gulley, J. Monroe, C. Hunter, D. Hall, T. Gulley. Third Row: B. Orchid, W. Hall, D. Stull, J. Harris, Miss Kirsch.

Our governing body

The Student Council has many purposes. It supports school rules and activities, and tries to promote democracy.

The president is in charge of all assemblies and lyceums. The members of the Student Council take charge of class elections, and the raising and lowering of the flag. The club helps with the Homecoming Dance by selling tickets. The officers are: president, Bob Orchid; vice president, Wiley Hall; secretary, Dick Stull; treasurer, Jody Harris. The sponsor is Miss Jane Kirsch.

Boys of Character

The Hi-Y sponsored by Mr. Shephard, is one of the oldest organizations at B.C.H.S. The Hi-Y is a branch of the state Y.M.C.A. with organizations in many schools.

The object of this organization is to create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, the school, and the community, high standards of Christian character. Any boy who wishes may belong to the Hi-Y. The motto is clean living, clean speech, clean sportsmanship, and good scholarship.

Some very capable leaders





Tomorrow's business leaders.

Future VIP's

The Future Business Leaders of America is a national organization which is composed of students who are interested in business. The aim of the Future Business Leaders of America is to develop leadership and to acquaint the members with actual business working conditions. Students in FBLA attend different conventions and office meetings. Future Business Leaders of America conducts such money-making projects as selling magazines. After reaching a certain goal in selling magazines they take a trip to Springfield. As one of their many activities they enter a float in the Homecoming Parade. The club consists of fifty-nine members this year.

Today's Romans

The Latin Club is one of the most talked about clubs at BCHS. Latin II and III students are eligible for this club. The purpose of the Latin Club is to learn about the life, customs, and tributes of the Romans.

The Latin Club has quite a few activities throughout the year. They give a dance after the game, raffle off "three slaves for a day," take part in the Echo Carnival, and they have a float in the Homecoming Parade. The big event of the year is the Saturnalia, which takes place in December. The Saturnalia is done like a Roman feast and everyone has a good time dressing and eating like Romans.

The Caesars of this century.





The orators of the future

Future spokesmen

The Speech Club's membership is open to any student in a speech class. Many of the members of the Speech Club participate in debates, monologues, readings, extemporaneous speaking, and many other activities at speech contests during the year. The club usually has a float in the Homecoming Parade and an annual picnic.

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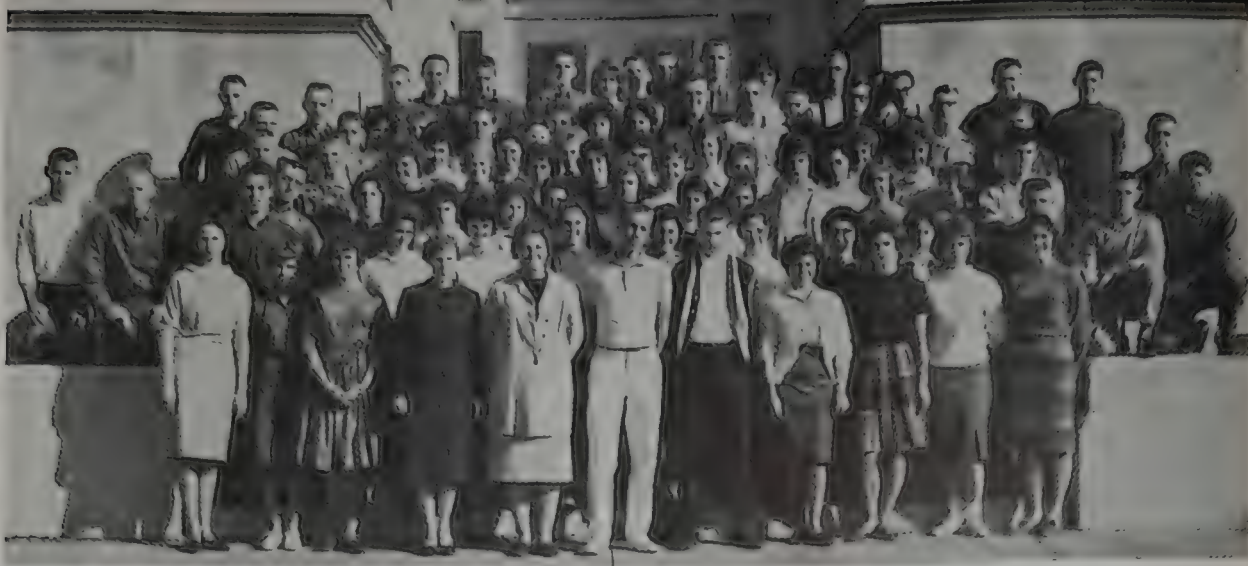
The Speech Club is sponsored by Mr. John Miller. The officers are Susan Hill, President; Charles Barlow, Vice President; Jody Harris, Secretary; and Jack Frick, Treasurer.

Scientists?

One of the newly formed clubs at our high school this year is the Science Club. Members consist of students who are taking Physics or Chemistry, and they are under the able direction of Mr. Glenn Schmitz. The club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month for the purpose of better preparing its members for college science work. Each member is required to have a science project which would be suitable to be entered in district, regional, and state science contests.

Einsteins of tomorrow.





Historians.

Searchers of the Past

Mrs. Alberta Hidritch, Advisor; Paula Barrell, Treasurer; Jerry Doty, President; Jack Frick, Secretary; Fred Taylor, Vice-President.



The History Club, one of the largest clubs of the school, is for students interested in history and have had at least one year of either American or World History. The club's meetings are held on Wednesday during the lunch hour. The members of the club also receive a pamphlet each month on Illinois History. The club this year has held several money-raising projects. For example, they raffled off a transistor radio and a party was held featuring the Four Vests to which the public was invited. A booth at the Echo Carnival and a float in the Homecoming Parade are also used as fund raising projects.



The library's loveliest helpers: Rosemary Czenski, Gretchen VanLeer, Ava Lou Akin, Iris Stewart, Mrs. Little, Bonnie Snider, Mary Wheeler.

Is this book overdue?

The Library Club consists of six members. Their job is to help the students in study hall find books for book reports or for their own enjoyment. One member serves as librarian with the help of Mrs. Louise Little, their sponsor. Since knowledge is power, we are indebted to their faithful workers and their sponsor. They meet the first and third Tuesday of every month.

The 1961-62 officers are as follows: President, Iris Stewart; Vice President, Bonnie Snider; Secretary-Treasury, Gretchen Van Leer.

Our Frenchmen

The French Club was organized during the school year of 1959. Students who are enrolled in a French class are allowed to become members of the club. The club meetings are held during the noon hour. At these meetings and during the classes the students often see movies, listen to records and sing old French folk songs. They study the ancient French customs which help them become better acquainted with the French people. The members also received a newspaper written entirely in French.

Some of the club's activities have been a float in the Homecoming parade and a dance after the ball game. They also have a money raising project at the Echo Carnival.

First Row: R. Bennett, D. McAlpin, W. Williamson, R. Hickman, G. Moss, A. Bullington, D. Manis. Second Row: M. Lewis, S.

Bussiere, P. Webb, K. Knight, A. Pickard, L. Strubble. Third Row: Mr. Shepard, W. Dreon, D. Ezell, L. Collins, I. Stewart, L. Kasper.





First Row: R. Nix, B. Overturf, J. Kellemon. Second Row: J. McClearin, S. Cremeens, M. Dolby, D. Blagg, S. Strubble. Third

Row: Mr. Rea, J. Border, J. Bradley, A. Alexander, D. Neal, J. Webster.

Always on the Job

The Diversified Occupations Club furnishes vocational on the job training. D.O., as it is called, is made up of those students who do not wish to go on to college and who wish to learn a trade or an occupation by working here in Benton. The members have classes in the morning and go to work in the afternoon. Each student is working at a job that he hopes to someday make a career of. The students are paid while they learn, and in turn they are doing their employees a favor by giving them a good employee at a moderate expense. Mr. Dallas Rea sponsored the club until January when Mr. Albert Gulley took his place.

Meet the Farmers

The Future Farmers of America, founded in 1929, is a national organization for boys which provides a study of vocational agriculture in public secondary schools. The purpose of this club is to find new ways to observe modern methods of farming and new machinery.

During the year, the FFA boys take part in many activities such as judging poultry, grain, and land, entering an exhibit at the Echo Carnival, electing a Sweetheart Queen, entering a float in the Homecoming Parade and they also enter livestock in the Franklin County and Du Quoin Fairs. They also present the annual Farmer's Ball along with the Future Homemakers of America. The sponsor of the Future Farmers of America is Mr. Finley.

Farmers of the future.





The club that requires skill.

Time Out

The Girls Athletic Association is a club for sports-minded girls. The purposes of GAA are to promote sportsmanship, better ideas in health, and to enjoy well rounded recreation. Each year GAA members attend two play days. They also attend a workshop at Herrin and volley ball and folk dance clinics at Carbondale. Two trophies are given away each year, a bowling trophy and one for the outstanding junior member. Also two members are selected to go to GAA leadership camp at Little Grassy. Sports that GAA members participate in during the year are speed-a-way, volley ball, hockey, bowling, basketball, hiking, soccer, horseback riding, and camping.

Functional Artists

The Industrial Arts Club is newly organized this year. The members of the Industrial Arts Club must be enrolled in shop classes. The club meets every Tuesday night from seven to nine p. m. Red jackets have been ordered for the members with the insignia on them. A cedar chest was raffled off February 10. The officers are President—Kenneth Tate, Vice President—Kenneth Burzynski, Secretary-treasurer—Leonard Sneed and Safety Foreman—Paul Meeks. The Club started out with 30 members and now has 12 members. The sponsor is Mr. Charles Doty.

The boys who work with a purpose.





Front Row: M. Chance, J. Short, J. Stringer, P. Kimmel. Back Row: J. Potts, E. Stella, V. Lamplly, P. Sneed, S. Hall, J. Pate, B. Green, J. Moss, S. Phillips.

Face artists

The Make-Up Club this year consists of twelve members. Each year there are three girls chosen from the Freshman Class. After they are chosen they become permanent members for the following three years. For every play, each girl has a specific character assigned to her. It is her responsibility to make up this one character.

The club is very active. The club meets at least three times a month. At Christmas time, the members of the club make favors and distribute them to the people in nursing homes.

Producer of leaders

The Key Club is an organization for boys sponsored by the Benton Kiwanis. The purpose of the club is to promote leadership and to extend the opportunity for the boys to work together in school and in their community. This year the club completed payments on the neon activity sign purchased in 1959. The officers of the club are: Bob Orchid, President; Dick Stull, Vice President; Earnest Duckworth, Secretary and Treasurer. This club was sponsored by Dallas Rea until January when Mr. Albert Gulley replaced him.

First Row: B. Orchid, D. Stull, E. Duckworth. Second Row: L. Woodland, M. Gulley, J. Monroe, L. Saxe, B. Conner, W. George, C. Hunter, F. Kondriltz, R. Giaccone, L. Tale, B. Meadows. Third

Row: Mr. Rea, M. Livesay, H. Jerrells, C. Barlow, B. Applegate, D. Upchurch, T. Thomas, T. Payne, J. D. Darr, M. Wynn, W. Watson.



This is the second year for the organization of the Future Teachers of America to be among the numerous other clubs in Benton High School. The club has many purposes. At the meetings, the students study material which will help them become acquainted with teaching, its methods, different divisions or in what particular field there are more openings, and requirements necessary to take up teaching. Students in the club, especially the senior students do substitute teaching in the temporary absence of a teacher. Students attend workshops throughout the state and also see movies concerning teaching.

The officers: President, Diane Upchurch; Vice President, Sharon Pinkham; Secretary Brenda Threlkald; Treasurer, Sue McKean; Historian, Ann Carie Mayeski; Parliamentarian, Mary McDowell; and the sponsor Miss Margaret Armentrout works hard to make the club a success and to provide enjoyment for the fellow members.



The officers assemble.

The teachers of the next generation



The prospects look good.



First Row: M. German, I. Stewart, E. Tiberend, L. Britton, G. Behm, K. Jones, B. Summers. Second Row: D. Wilkerson, R.

Davis, P. Moore, L. Pedigo, R. Glover, G. Martin. Third Row: B. Doerr, P. Treece.

Pills, Pills, Pills

The Future Nurses Club was organized in 1955. Its main purpose is to encourage girls to go into some field of nursing. Another purpose is to advise girls in selecting a good school of nursing to become a registered or practical nurse.

The community sponsor is the members of the medical staff of the Franklin Hospital. Mrs. Joe Bartoletto is the club's nurse consultant.

The main project of the Future Nurses Club is to promote jobs at the Franklin Hospital for girls who wish and are capable of working. These girls must be sixteen years of age and interested.

President	-	-	-	-	Maureen German
Vice President	-	-	-	-	Iris Stewart
Secretary	-	-	-	-	Elaine Tiberend
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	Linda Britton
Club Sponsor	-	-	-	-	Miss Verbal Adkinson

May I help you?

The cadets of our high school are the girls who devote one hour a day to helping the office. They do little jobs like collecting attendance slips, answering the phone, distributing the third hour notice, and helping people who come into the office. Although these jobs are small, they are very important and helpful to the regular office employees. This year's cadets are as follows: first hour, Mary Ann Hughes; second hour, Barbara Betine; third hour, Janice Gifford; fourth hour, Sue McKean; fifth hour, Letha Doty; sixth hour, Diana Upchurch; noon, Janice Cairel.

Diana Upchurch, Barbara Betine, Sue McKean, Mary Ann Hughes, Janice Gifford, Janice Cairel, Letha Doty.





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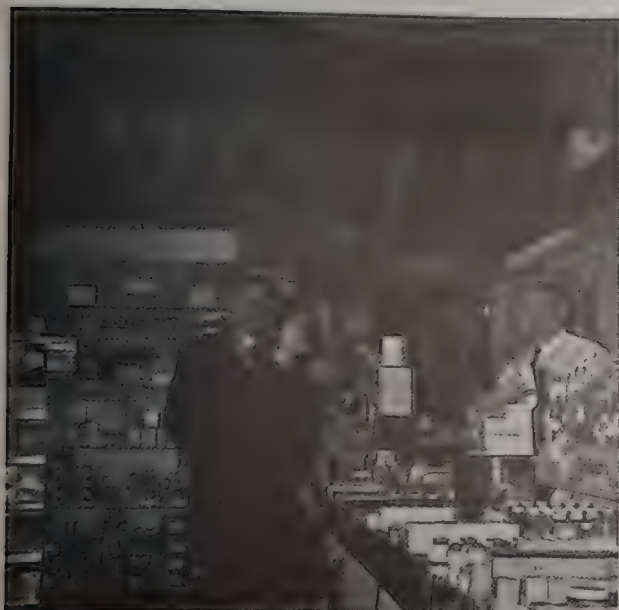
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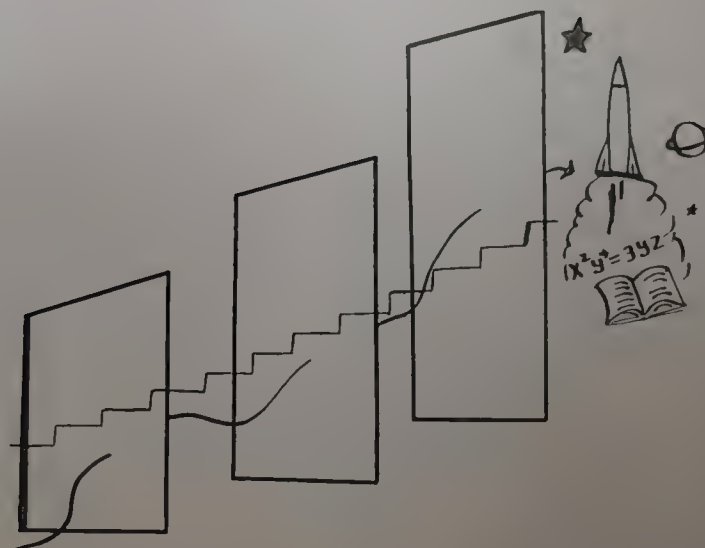


Dear Students:

As editor of the 1962 SCARAB, I would like to thank all those people on the staff who have made my task an easy one. I would especially like to thank Mr. Kirby Browning, our advisor, for without his advise and guidance, there would be no SCARAB. Thanks also to our sponsors for their financial support.

I hope the subscribers of the 1962 SCARAB are pleased with the book for the staff has worked exceptionally hard getting the material ready for publication. I am happy to have served BCHS as editor of the SCARAB, and it has been an experience that I shall not forget.

Sincerely,
Mary C. Taylor





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The SCARAB is Benton Consolidated High School's yearbook. The SCARAB describes the active school held annually at BCHS. Many activities are covered in the SCARAB. These activities begin in the fall when clubs are formed and class officers are elected and follow through the busy schedule at BCHS, including ball games and club meetings. Many hard staff workers are found on the SCARAB. This staff consists of the writers, editors, management staff, photographers, and the SCARAB sponsor, Mr. Kirby Browning. Although the finished product of the SCARAB staff is viewed at the end of the school year, the staff is kept busy year round.

The 1962 SCARAB staff hopes that you will enjoy this yearbook.

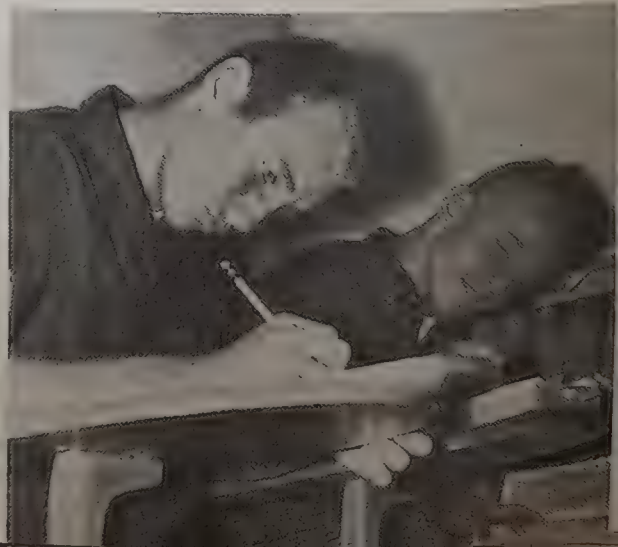


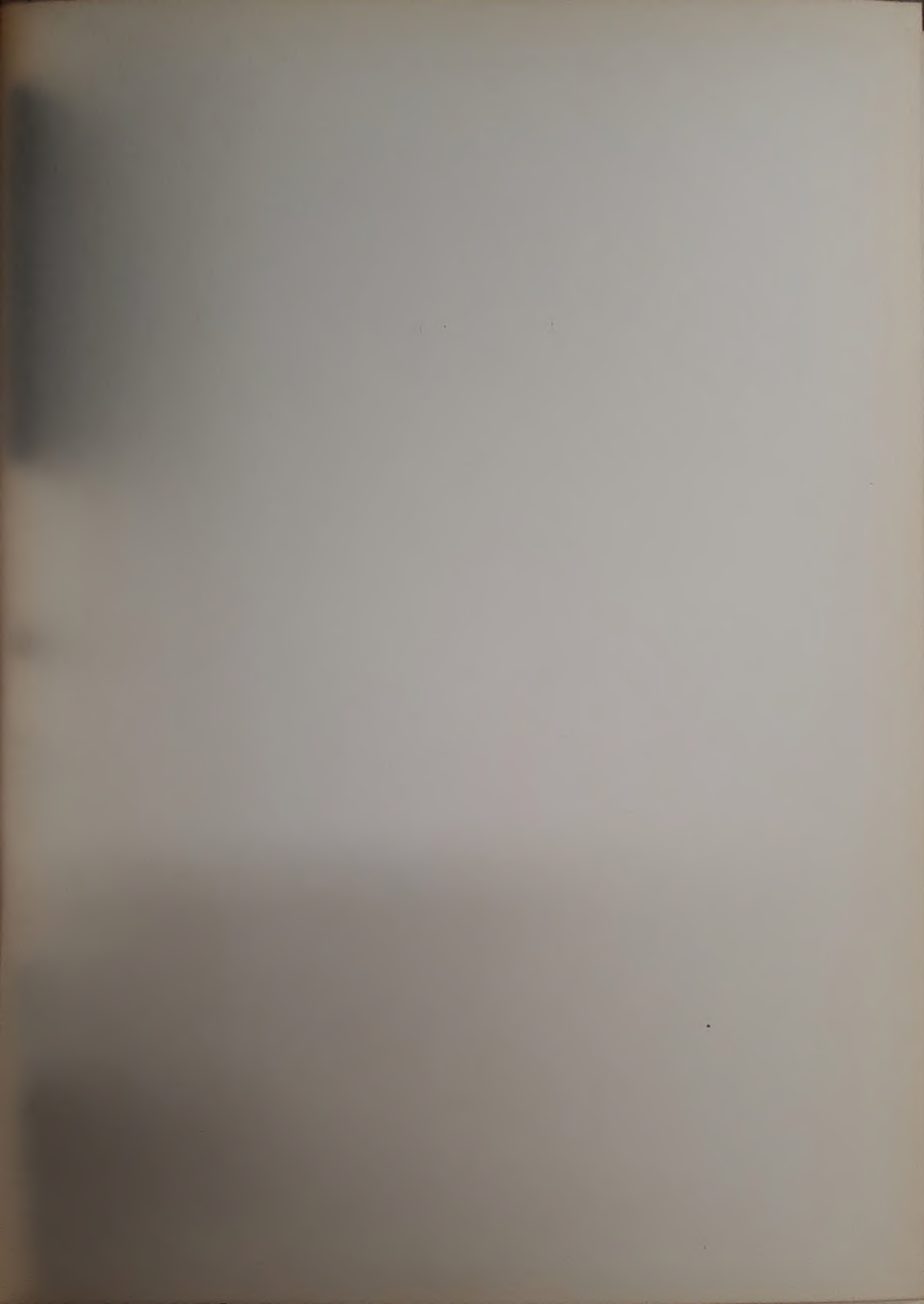
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